



The Banyan's Advice

“Do not worry about every voice,”
the old banyan whispered to me.
“They praise my shade when they need it,
then blame my roots for spreading free.

I give my branches to the birds,
my shade to those who rest below;
I give my fruit without asking
who will remember when they go.

So, do not live for every praise,
or bend whenever someone complains.
Some love the shelter that I give,
but still dislike the roots that remain.

Grow as you are meant to grow.
Give what your heart can give.
A tree does not stop being a tree
because others dislike the way it lives.”

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