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A Splash of Purple

In a rainforest one can be overwhelmed with green.
Don't get me wrong—I like green
and there are so many shades of green
in the forest that I am often green
with envy that plants do green
so much better than Sherwin-Williams does green.

But early this morning
I was hauled up short by
Digitalis purpurea—

anchored in the gravel bar
a refugee from construction debris
washed from above in a landslide
some call it a weed
others call it invasive
I call it beautiful
because—

it stopped my heart
in a splash of purple

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