

HEART-OF-THE-HILLS VIEW

So we have, over the years named it —

not all at once, but gradually, increasingly, year by year,
trip by trip, hour by hour, moment by moment.

A vista — unsurpassed —

not because of its unequalled beauty,
though to us it has become that now

but because of what has happened to those
who came to its brow —
and looked, pondered, imagined,
became inspired and moved.

It has distance, breadth, expansion,

a vista pulling one onward and outward —
serenity and hopes unending.

A scene — hundreds of camper eyes have viewed,

the young, the older, those being led and those leading —
each being impressed new and anew,
thoughts sprung, thoughts deepened,
convictions begun and seasoned.

Counselors and campers, adults and staff —

all, in a sense, humble and equal,
different only in background and experience
and comprehension of its history, beauty and meaning —
its place in our lives — in our future —

all have come to its view.

To those who have seen it —

cloud covered, cloudless and clear,
sun lit, star lit, moon lit;
storm swept, brilliant and loud,
drenched with rain, gentle and strong;
pastured, planted and harvested;
blanketed in sleet with diamond crystallized branch and stem,
in white — in green — in gold,
spring, summer and cold.

Increasingly captures deeper meaning and importance —
our heritage — the birthright of all.

Memorable events have happened here in its full view —

discoveries and learnings,
campfires, peaceful canvased slumber,
songs, poetry, art — silence and laughter;
wild creatures prowling, birds soaring,
vegetation tame and wild,
and people unadjusted but adjusting,
young voices of inexperience,
others with more maturity — all yielding;
yielding to its majesty and powers.

It leads — its messages interpreted through us

have been placed in hundred of souls
who have translated its function
in numerous other places and roles.

It is awe inspiring, spiritually uplifting —

God created —

May it continue to better persons hew

OUR HEART-OF-THE-HILLS VIEW.

— L. B. SHARP

