

tracking even

Snake sank below the bellowing as the branch bed itself,
light treads soiled grass

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preparations for even

back and forth, feet forward, stake in hand,

even puncturing earth with bark's branch
ssssslllllloooooowwww snake,

slow snake pauses: belly married to mud

loyalty that lies, Follow My Lead

Scale of skin, wind waist round: join hand and tail

with tail in hand, nymph paces puncture earthen blanket full of trees

among blades, nettle gossip gathers,

c o u n t i n g slithers

seeds prick even to dislocate hand and tail

never c o u n t i n g languid trails of tresses harboring tongued tails