

**Black & White**  
Shades of Gray

**“A Sun, A Shade of Tree”**

Sun  
Searing and  
Boiling and  
Blistering  
Hot

A Shade,  
Of Tree is most valued  
At times when sun is greatly bearing  
On Earth below, no shadow leering from other than  
The one soul searing in steamy air and brightest glaring  
From beneath its limbs, the tree may offer  
The slightest drop in heat thereafter  
As though the sun in clouds  
Has fallen or  
Seen the  
Day and  
Now is  
Slumping  
Whatever  
Beauty  
The tree  
Does render  
Is largely  
Due to sweet  
Surrender of  
Soul from Sun to  
Shade, age to age, the tree remains the same of green and leafy  
Of branched and mossy, whether short or tall, a shade aloft-e  
Now to value all the more

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### **About the verse: “A Sun, A Shade of Tree”**

The boiling sun is sometimes more than the soul can bear; but thanks given to God for the timeless and everlasting comfort found in the shade of a tree.

How often and how many a tree we pass in the day (or night) without considering its natural value of shade? The tree is the longest-existing and least-expensive form of relief from the sun and heat.

And what better way to illustrate this relief than by words framed of like silhouette – complete with sun above and the shade below.

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