

Catalpa, oh catalpa

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Flowers like an orchid,
Bark like walnut,
Seed pods hanging
in abundance,
Your heart-shaped leaves
providing us with a sense of
connectedness
to Nature and
each other,
two trunks of
wisdom
for us to
draw upon.
Your branches,
sweeping down
like arms
with dainty
fingers,
cradling us
in this
grand
experiment of
life.
Your comfort
and beauty
are
needed to
help us through,
we lean on you,
as we lean on
each other.
Wanting to hold
on to those
immaculate
bundles of
blooms,
knowing they
will not last,
can we savor
them now?

Carry their
beauty with
us?
Letting it
pollinate
our minds.
That is our
challenge.
That is our
peace.



