# **Pathways**

# Approximate translation for who does not speak Danish

### Near the campfire

#### Part 1

When I was a child, I often went with my family to the mountains to walk.

I remember a small canvas backpack, which I unfortunately had to share with a friend.

We were proud to carry a portion of the meal, like the adults.

These mountain hikes never left me.

## Near the campfire

#### Part 2

Today, when I walk, I feel like a child:

this little bag and its freedom, the pleasure of orienting myself, the perspectives that change as I progress, a lake in the distance, the inaccessible summit of a mountain, who follows me with his eyes and then hides behind a tree... At the beginning, a thousand thoughts are swirling in my head, in loops, stubborn, sometimes more discreet. I call them the dust-thoughts.

Step by step, in the effort, the dust falls away, the presence slowly settles into my body, my dreams are slowly attuned to the landscapes crossed and form, to my eyes, a poem.

#### Water text

#### Part 3

When you grow up, you kind of lose the sense of adventure.

For example, puddles are no longer seen other than as an obstacle to avoid.

We forget that they offer clouds and birds their reflection.

They think better than we do.

They learned the art of shivering from the wind.

When we grow up, we lose the surprise traps.

#### Into the forest

Leaving the trails,

Cast anchor and compass,

Open his ears, his nostrils,

To become a hominid, twig on the primate branch

#### On the primate branch

Small reality, in the middle of other tiny realities, I perceive the world as a mammal, vertebrate, human. My reality is in color, I distinguish the smallest details, but at night everything goes out.

If I were a deer, I'd see in the dark

If I were a rabbit, I would kiss the landscape with one look without turning my head

If I were a bee, I would detect magnetic fields

If I were a starfish, I'd have eyes on my arms

If I were an elephant, I would feel the landscape

If I were a spider, I would have 8 eyes all around my head

If I were an owl, I would only see the colors of the night

If I were a whale, I'd see the world in grey

If I were a mole, I'd watch with my nose

If I were a duck, I would look behind my back without turning my head

If I were a dog, I wouldn't grab the red

If I were a bird, I would perceive ultra-violet light

If I were a bear, I would perceive with my whole body

If I were a fly, I would have built-in radar