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destinations

there is a small girl
sitting on abandoned railroad tracks
in Western Oregon
in the orange of august
staring at a trail of ants
that leads to a place
that humans used to travel to
but can no longer arrive at
because the trains have stopped coming

she will be
the final destination for someone
when they disembark from her eyes.

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vacationing

she is right
-we should finish our project
save our money
and take a vacation to Kauai
before i try and kill myself