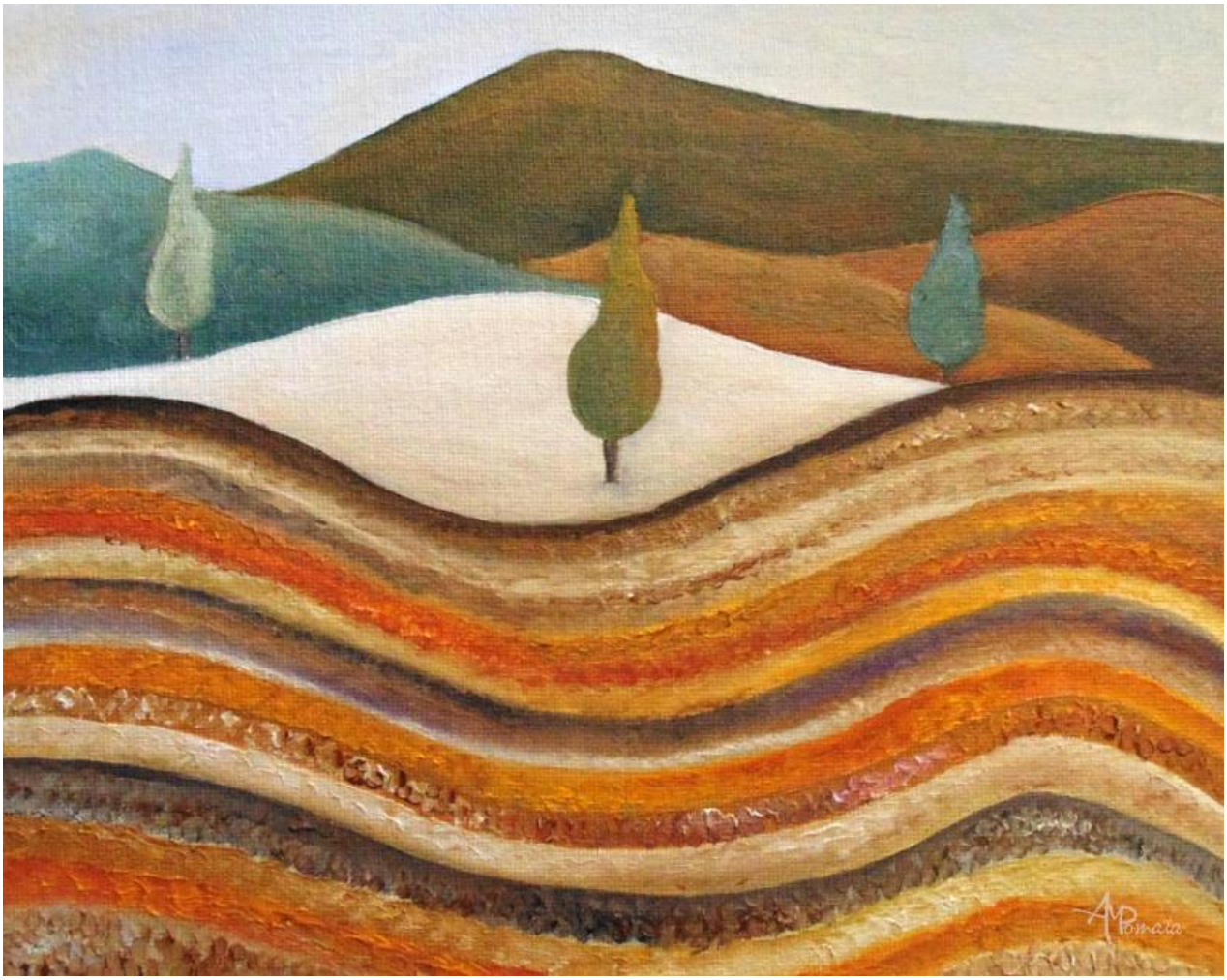
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From here, life seems like background noise,

speech a fossil from a disobedient time,

cleanliness a bed for the frail and aging.

And light a lazy animal that often stops to rest—

it has no curiosity, it never travels underground.

(From the poem)

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