

The Pond – Mid-Summer
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Willows clutch at water's edge
pull land around themselves
Waterweed dapples surface
colourless flowers curl

Schools of catfish minnows roll
like pulsing waves
Young painted turtle wobbles
to deeper water, a comedy

Bull-rushes echo double arcs
beneath the trembling aspens
Milkweed droop their plum
heads water-wards

Ruffled face of pond
a watercolour painting
Hemlocks, cumulus clouds
frame of Boneset and Pearly Whites

Palette of cool colours, greens
pond-water blue
Baltimore Oriole dazzles
then disappears