



Pause For Poetry:  
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## Description

# Cayoosh Creek

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I once communed with Cayoosh Creek  
And do so now here as I speak,  
With how it rumbled as it tumbled  
And sang anthems as it ran  
Between the placid lake it feeds  
And the peaks where it began.

I let my thoughts flow with it,  
They also ran and ran  
And obliged me to admit  
That I'm a melancholy man  
For my lake I fear is shallow  
And the peaks I merely scan.

The lake provides respite  
From its rush towards the sea,  
But the heights from me are hidden  
By a cloak of mystery  
As profound as why this mountain stream  
Has claimed a part of me.

Though not long by any means  
It runs a lively span  
To a pool among the evergreens  
Along a course carved by its force



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Without the aid of man.

I surveyed its burly shoulders  
Bruising both its flanks  
Leaping logs and boulders  
Crying out in thanks  
For the freedom of its motion  
In the confines of its banks.

I ran my course along this river,  
It took a hold of me,  
I glimpsed the peaks whereof it speaks  
And I told it of the sea.

It seemed to glisten as it ran  
I saw a glimmer of response,  
A glitter of delight in this time of running free.

Its driving force may wax and wane  
Depending on the snow and rain;  
Who knows if it will flow next year  
Or sing the same refrain?

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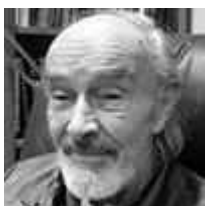
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