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TURNER'S POND

Unlocking eyes
circle the earth's stone
near tall reeds
a cat gingerly walks
over other footsteps
in a ripening light
by the countryside pond
mingling at the shore
by ditch water's edge
early sparrows tremble
on anemic saw grass
by abandoned dark wind
bird song pierces
the green liquid silence
through a border forest
full of elm and pine
the feral cat leaves
the cold waterway
the daring sky blushes
by jigsaw sunshine
at a hazy distance
for the landscape painter
drowning in foliage.

