

Let the waters be my witness: Messages about our watery world

INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUNG SALMON

It is already calling you -
the ancient allure of the sea.

Trace the rivers of your consciousness
to return to the marine deep.
Do not stagnate in tiny pools
or dally in mountain streams.

You were born to journey
and venture where waters are deep.
surmounting impediments that arise.

Swim a bit further each day,
without worrying how far the goal is away.

Soon enough, in the ripeness of time,
you'll move beyond all rivers,
& notice salty currents
& cool, ocean brine.

Jules: You know, I think this guy half-believes in a sort of mystical simplicity.

Andrei: Most people cherish such myths.

Philgra: Make no mistake, this dude yearns for an epiphany, but his intellect holds him back.

Andrei: This poem is too damn crypto-, mumbo-, (shaking his head) Argh!

Ellesha: Shhh – too many words: better move on. . .

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