

UNDERSEA

In resonance with *Aqua Botanica* #2

I have always wanted
to dance underwater
 weave and undulate
 in long flat streams
to the music of minnows
 and gobbies darting
to and fro
 or languish sensuously slow
 in the quiet morning lake
before a breeze disturbs

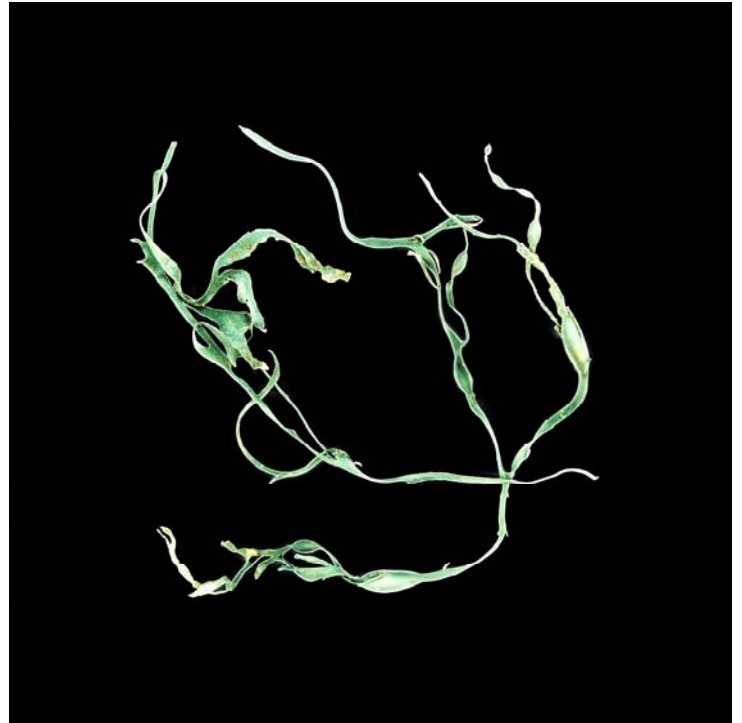
Soon lake-skin puckers
small waves foam

Underneath, life quickens
 I turn and twist
follow the hastening current

My legs stretch
 arms reach
 Fish snap
as surfacing bubbles hiss

The wind picks up
breakers stream to shore, gulls
play the thermals. It's fierce down under
and my body
 tumbles
 from arabesque to joyous rolls
and flips face up to join
 the lacey aqueous laughter
 of the undersides of waves.

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