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## Encryption

as so often  
crows sound alarms

the pond  
its molten glass held fast  
by myriad lily pads  
making you think  
you might just walk on water  
springs into sound ripples  
with frog leaps

a shadow  
like a small plane  
passes

then soaring above the tallest pines  
a hawk  
underside barred and speckled  
an antique music sheet  
scoring a silent song

what must it be like  
to see  
this masterful deployment  
from above?

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