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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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