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GIDDY'S POEM*

Listen! What do you hear?
I hear the ripples from the water
The wind flowing through the trees
And the birds in the trees.

What do you smell?
I smell the fresh air around us
The sweet smell of the flowers beyond
And the smell of the lunch being cooked.
I feel hungry already.

What do you see?
I see big shady patches under the trees.
I wish I was sleeping under them.
The trees moving to and fro
No engines or pollution
Just the sound of silence with birds in the trees
And the wind going through the trees.
I would rather live here
Than in a city.

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