

Five Poems Inspired by Lake Superior

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Autumn

Colors of autumn greet the sunrise
Scarlet, amber, and gold
Falling home to the mother
Enriching the soil
Recalling summer's warmth
Frost dressed moment
Lead to deep thought
Of winter preparations
And unscheduled adventures
Forgotten yet needed
To sanely survive
The Lake Superior winter
Fall rains, leaf strewn trails
A time for wool and walks
A season for renewing
Our earthly connections

On the Lake

Familiar faces, familiar places
A sense of home
New faces from far away places
Widening horizons
Learning in rhythm with the sunset
Trusting and stretching
Coming together with water and wind
Consolidating thought
Discovering wisdom inside and out
At home on the lake

Morning

The wildflowers shiver
As the wind comes through
The loon proclaims morning
To the sunshine above
Dewy speckled grasses
Gleam fresh green hues
The morning is splendid
With the lake bright and blue

Gitche Gumee

The big lake calls me
She laps at my soul
And embraces my dreams
The big lake holds me
A part of my heart
Presenting the possibilities
The big lake changes me
From hurried and hassled
To calm and balanced
The big lake enfolds me
At home
At peace

Lake Song

Waves sing to the shoreline
Leaves bow to the breeze
Birds bask in solar melodies
I search for the rhythm
To be part of the song
By hiking along the shoreline
The tune of the trees
Is accompanied by a hawk
And the descants of the goldenrod
We who hear the song
Look for harmonies
To make the world right