Pond

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in the deeper woods
basked a pond
brown and green mud mostly
some spotted frogs too
and an occasional turtle
might be seen on a rock
with his yellow shell
all dried up and caked
on this day the thick air
shimmered in the heat
like above burning candles
from the slick surface
and the droning of bees
flies and yellow jackets
nearly drowned out
the high pitched screams
of my dreaming child
As I dug out his ruddy heart
with a broken pepsi bottle
and tossed him out
into the pond
with hardly a splash
where he sank quickly
and didn’t bubble
like I thought he would
but just went under
real smoothly and only
leaving a small blemish
above the pond
while a heron looked on
and a thirsty cat didn’t
the pond breathed again
for a moment only
and I once again