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oh, to be a duck
floating in a placid stream
sunlight winking on its surface

I would take the time to prune my feathers
dip my head to take a drink
perhaps have a bite of an underwater plant

my mind would not weigh heavy on my shoulders
nor the pressure of human existence bend my back
my only obligation would be to breathe

I would sleep peacefully through the night
float and fly away the days
bobbing under trees laden with unfurling leaves

oh, to be a duck