

觀魚

秋水澄澄見髮毛 錦鱗行慢水紋搖 岸邊人影驚還去 時向綠荷深處跳

---宋 歐陽修





Watching Fish

— Ou Yang Xiu (Song Dynasty)
The water in Autumn is so pure it's crystal clear.
I see my hair and beard, reflected on the pond;
I see too, the fine scales as the fish file slowly by,
Their passing wrinkles the pond top.
My shadow, tossed in from the river bank,
Startles them and they vanish;
In panic, leaping for shelter
In the bed of green lilies,
Fleeing as far as they can.

