

ACROSS THE POND

Lily pad blossoms
leap frog across the pond
without a ripple

As night descends
a bullfrog croaks
itself into echoes

Water skippers tread
stealthily across the surface
of the pond ... still

TREE MIMIC

An evergreen tree mimics
a cone of cotton candy
stuck point down in the dirt
reflecting rays of sunset
amongst its needles
frozen in drips
from snowfall.

CAT IMAGES

The cat lies on the sidewalk
while a child traces
its shape with chalk.

The cat rolls over,
and the child outlines
its shape in pink again.

The cat swats at the chalk
in lazy scratches
pink, blue, yellow
marks across cement.

The cat walks away;
leaves left cat, right cat
images smudged
for pedestrians
to wonder about.

TRUDGE FIGURE

Snow-covered spruce tree
bends like a Siberian escapee
trudging up the mountain
where each footstep captures
snow to lose the trek away.

A solitaire figure with coattails
flapping in wind as its head
spears through the blizzard
in no-motion movement
as a spruce tree on the mountain.

IN STEP

Swaybacked steps
saddled by millennia –
each adobe step worn to sand
blown away like the inhabitants
to this ancient dwelling
whistling woefully in wind.

A whirl dusts through in
eye-squinty particles
where in a teary blink
specter movements glide
around corners disappeared
when stared at gone...
gone like more grains
scraped away in steps.