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# SIBLING

I had long hair, squat tail, and fins.  
I spent warm summers by the beach up in Maine, I picked  
Plump drupelings and I split their skins, funny how  
You think you are a crow

Then are shown your original body  
Then your head's pleated scheme  
Then all your bestial loss.

I am *the receder of ponds*, I stand *still at the main frent*  
A darker mesh misleafing in the reeds: *silica shreds*  
*Are you ready*, bristled *Oh all with purpose*  
From the neck down: *Equisetum* are you *merely willing...*

And the pool grows shallow in the spring as a *yellow bowel*  
& as light *wandered the double eye-did*  
Septate too, in all the living strings, grew then into a strange delay:

Weren't they bright  
All knocking at the wrong time?