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HERPING

Yellow throated American Bullfrogs
chant musky hymns as dusk descends
upon the Empire swamp.

The Ranidae and the Hylidae-
an ambrosian chorus of Spring Peepers;
oracular, boreal, orphic psalms.

A smear of slime and Mink Frog eggs
hovers on the surface of Muck Lake
spreading indistinct, complementing

the reflection of the full moon.
An Otter slides silently through
the lilys and the reedbed, herping.