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### **Fish Scales**

two boys missing  
from the sixth grade class  
skipping stones

kg

her reflection in the pond  
my principal

jj

mirror mirror  
on the wall  
hanging

kp

birds flying  
fish jumping

dlr

moonlight  
glints off  
the fish scales

rmb

a cat runs across  
the piano

lr

she opens  
an old letter  
from the war

rmb

crying  
her husband swimming

dlr

annual vacation  
funds low  
maybe next year

kp

new promises await  
blooming flowers

jj

beauty  
trying to find it somewhere  
else

kg

where are you  
my fallen angel

mm

on the moon  
distances away  
space

jj

houston  
looking into water

dlr

fin above water  
trails towards  
dead flies

lr

tricked into believing  
something better lies ahead

kg

drunk in a field  
stumbling  
in the tulips

kp

holding on to  
a polaroid of us

rmb

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