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# Instructions for the Ranger

Divvy the common surface into tarns.  
Subdividing the skim of freshwater over  
swallowed things, you will hear the distance  
to the nearest trailhead. When charcoal  
smears above, recognize chaotic sky.  
When the ripples steady, recognize kingfisher.

Larch needles must be gathered by moonlight. Know  
this is a strange and solitary occupation. Units of trust  
are rare here, but salt deposited at tired feet should  
be taken as a sign of regard.