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Nothing man-made

Nothing man-made
can replace the simple wisdom
in the drying of a watery footprint
on a wooden landing by the lake
during a summer day, in all its glory.
Yet the same landing is man-made,
the watery footprint also.
So where do you draw the line
between natural and man-soiled,
between essential for life, and trivial?
I know I can't live without
the vanishing of a footprint
during a hot summer day
seeing the sinews of the wood
accentuated by that gradual demise
of the watery remains of a human footprint.

It touches that oh-so-quiet endlessness
inside the swell of my soul
where I want to be
nearer to the sun, in all its glory.

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