

A WATER WHEEL

- With April's runoff well begun, (a)
 I found wood scraps, some tin, a dowel -
 And started on them just for fun (a)
 With hammer, coping saw, and brads. -
 A morning's work and it was done. (a)
- No paint, for paint took time to dry (b)
 And spring had come. Now would it work? -
 Two girls with greater faith than I (b)
 Made up a threesome through the woods -
 With nothing for it but to try (b)
- Out where the forest pool, pine crowned (c)
 Was filled and spilling, piled with froth, -
 We built, all squatting on the ground, (c)
 A dam, a flume, then stood to see -
 The wheel begin to go around. (c)
- Our shouts gave way to standing still. (d)
 We stared, in sudden secret league -
 With all who ever did distil (d)
 A use from nature's rampant course -
 By sleight of mind and force of will. (d)

DAWN WATCH

- Down to the point to wait for the sunrise. (a)
 The night still, immense; then a surprise: (a)
- Three lights in triangle out on the bay, (b)
 Next to a down-pointed conical ray, (b)
- Hovering, thrumming, slow moving to sea. (c)
 First flashing guess as to what it could be (c)
- Along with a slight sudden tightness of throat: (d)
 A spacecraft come near. But then: just a boat. (d)
- Farther and fainter, at last wholly gone. (e)
 Above the east shoreline the glimmer of dawn. (e)
- Now with the whole world awash with first light (f)
 No way to prove ever which guess was right. (f)

THE WILD WHITE ROSE

- Where layered shoulders of grey rock (a)
 Endure the constant wearing shock (a)
 Of shearing wind and tidal wrack, (b)
 There is, implanted in a crack, (b)
- A bush which bears the wild white rose. (c)
 I have gone back, and it still grows, (c)
 A pure, frail thrust of white and gold (d)
 Against the elements of old. (d)
- But though one day it must be gone, (e)
 I would sit up until the dawn (e)
 With any who would wish it done (f)
 To find out what is lost, is won. (f)

Since this is your final Unit, we'd appreciate any feedback or suggestions you have for improving the Course!

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