

# A Collection of Random Shorts

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## Ambitious Fish

The tickly, prickly Stickleback  
disappointed at his obvious lack of 'land based skills'  
said: 'Hey, watch Me!'  
to the fly and the flea on the window sill.

He splished and he splashed and he flicked his tail  
causing a stir that unbalanced the pail  
he was swimming in. NOW he's dry-side bound  
and the fly and the flea -

They are drowned, poor things.

## Spirited Inspiration

Perhaps the ghost of William  
painted perfect miniature stage-plays  
on the inside of my eyelids  
while I slept, perchance to dream.

## Rule Break Haiku

My slick art floats on puddles.  
Oil painting for ponds.  
My sick art is non P.C.

## Scorchio!

I think I've burned my Ica wings.  
I flew to close, the ickle fins are smoking on the edges and  
the down-side, near my human hand  
is mad-dog scorch  
and blackened now.

## Silvery Birchy

She is not all she seems  
She is barking.

Silvery; birchy.  
Parchment in reams is what  
will become of her pulp.

Benches and beams  
will be born of her  
beckoning boughs.

She is not all she seems.  
She is band saw meat  
bought now.

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