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## The Brilliant Water

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The reflections of emerald clouds  
Form hyacinths in luminescent water.

Gold coins in the fountains of Isfahan gleam  
Like radiant planets in phosphorescent water.

Bodies of floating kelp form the silhouettes  
Of daemons rising out of luminescent water.

At the Shalimar ghats Lahore's lights convulse  
In the mercuried sheen of iridescent water.

Parvati wades in shoals, her body comprised  
Of pulsating light cast by iridescent water.

The flames of bonfires shed shadows that flutter  
Like moths above an inlet's incandescent water.

Zephyrs sketch arabesques in sand as sapphires  
Gleam in a mirage's rivulet of evanescent water.

Minnnows teem amid tributary gems, creating  
A fluid kaleidoscope of opalescent water.

An indigo estuary harbors the moon's rippling  
Image as a blinding pool of incandescent water.

White sand swirls in ruins & levitates like ghosts  
From glittering mirages of incandescent water.

A cloud's white taffeta spreads like the silken wake  
Of a gondola gliding through viridescent water.