

A small, fluffy duckling with dark and light feathers is standing on a large, vibrant green lily pad. The duckling is facing left, with its head slightly lowered. The background shows more lily pads and the dark water of the pond, creating a serene natural setting.

...july 8, 2011...

**i watch the yellow irises
dropping petals to a pond
that wanders into lily pads
of ducklings practising their legs –**

**surrounded in a half-way mist
i feel an inner me release
to swallow skies and cedar scents
and dragonflies and everness –**

**gradually i realize
that there is no forever more
inside the maybe thoughts that flash
across the surface of my mind –**

**there is only ever now
spreading through my inner heart –
lacing leaves in daisy chains
and weaving roses through the rain –**

**there is only ever now
climaxing all yesterdays
with everything i am not yet
reverberating through each breath.**