

A photograph of two otters floating in shallow, rippling water. The otter on the left is in the foreground, facing left, with its head and back visible above the water. The otter on the right is further back, also facing left. The water is clear, showing some small debris and reflections. The background is a soft-focus view of the water extending to the horizon.

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**hello otter - eel swift
in fish and logs
and underbrush -**

**slipping water wilderness
to vanish
between spray and splash -**

**resting inside family
then skating ice
in child play -**

**capturing my consciousness
inside your water
wilderness.**

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