

A close-up photograph of two young, fluffy ducklings swimming in dark, rippling water. The ducklings have brown and yellow downy feathers and dark eyes. They are positioned in the lower half of the frame, with one slightly ahead of the other. The background is a soft-focus view of the water's surface.

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**tonight we met as stranger-friends
bonding once again –
as if we had met years before
this moment of pretend –**

**we meet as if we always knew
our paths would cross again –
like children from a wiser earth
we wish to find again.**

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