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## Duck Hunter

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## **Duck Hunter**

Too many years  
he squatted in this blind,  
bleary-eyed  
at mist that softens  
pond's hard glass pane.  
His yellow lab  
lies beside him on  
her lame hip. She  
quivers to leap  
into water. Both  
watch sun rise and  
mist drift skyward,  
where birds fly high,  
joints ache and cramp,  
and no ducks return.

-Richard Dinges, Jr.  
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