

Carolina Lake at Midnight

Poems

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The logo for Silver Arts, featuring the words "Silver Arts" in a stylized, cursive script font. The word "Silver" is written in a light grey color, and "Arts" is written in a dark grey color. The script is elegant and flowing, with a horizontal line underneath the text.

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A pearlescent moon casting milky glow
gains altitude over midnight shoreline,
bright stars going out in its brighter climb.
Moonlight excites wild things nosing dry reeds
that whisper each intrusion. Concentric
circles spread as moonstruck fish surface, mouth
for insects floating on silvered ripples.
A night heron stalks murky shapes idling
in duckweeds, watches for one to bolt free
for open water. Tree frogs bark their lust,
add high notes to a bullfrog's basso ardor.
An owl hunts rodents, its silent wingstrokes
shadow notes in nature's songs of hungers,
background music scored for moonlit dramas.