"Nature's first green is gold."

--Robert Frost

A Troubling of Goldfish

Last day.

First day.

Do not leave me.

Sky above.

So below.

Stay while there

is still light.

I am a

pilgrim by streams.

I want things

I do not need.

Do not leave me.

The water runs.

The light finds

a troubling of goldfish.

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