



Shaping Water

MOLE VALLEY POETS MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2023

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Credit: Fiona Humphrey 9th Dec 2022



Thoughts and
Prompts to
inspire ...

Warm up 'Stepping
Stones' for writing:

Photos - 9 slides
Words for Water
Postcard Poem

A wide-angle photograph of a large, calm lake under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, several large, smooth, grey rocks are scattered across the water's edge. The water is a deep blue, reflecting the sky. In the distance, a range of mountains with patches of snow is visible. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

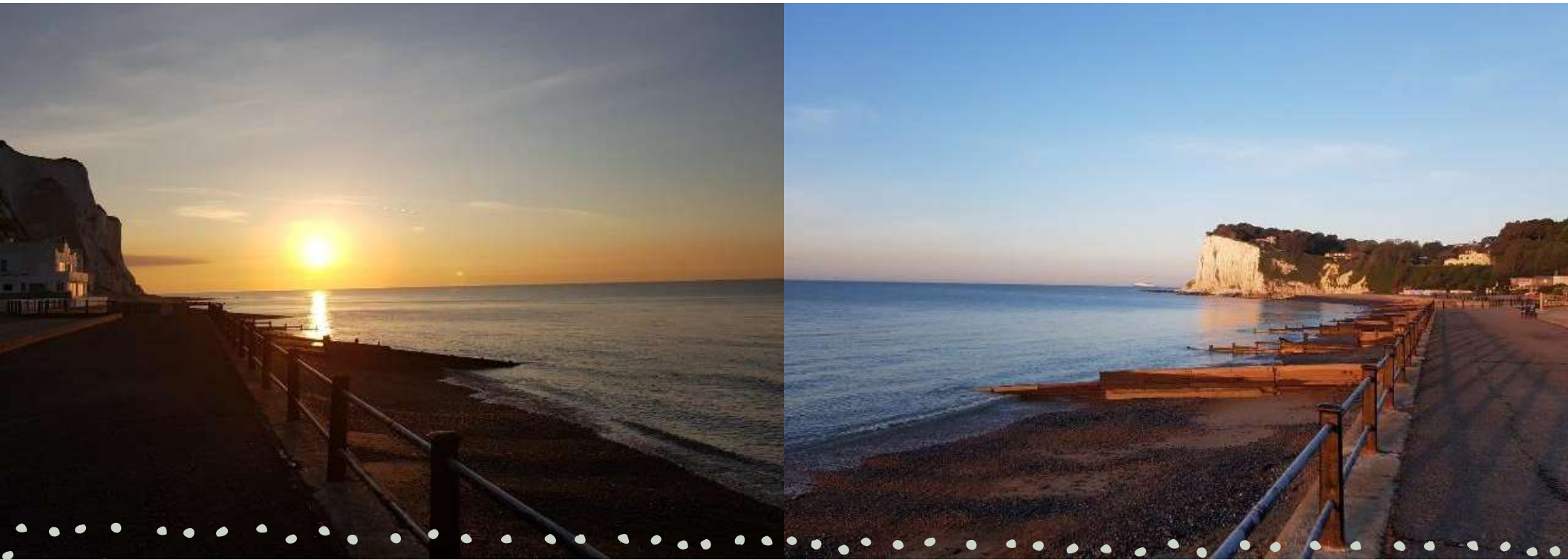
What do you See in Water?

Place, Peace, Danger, Nature?



What mood does it create in us?





*Water gives us different Perspectives
Same place - different directions*

Reflections





*Normal / Abnormal,
Inconvenience,
Clearing a Pathway*



Danger, Discovery

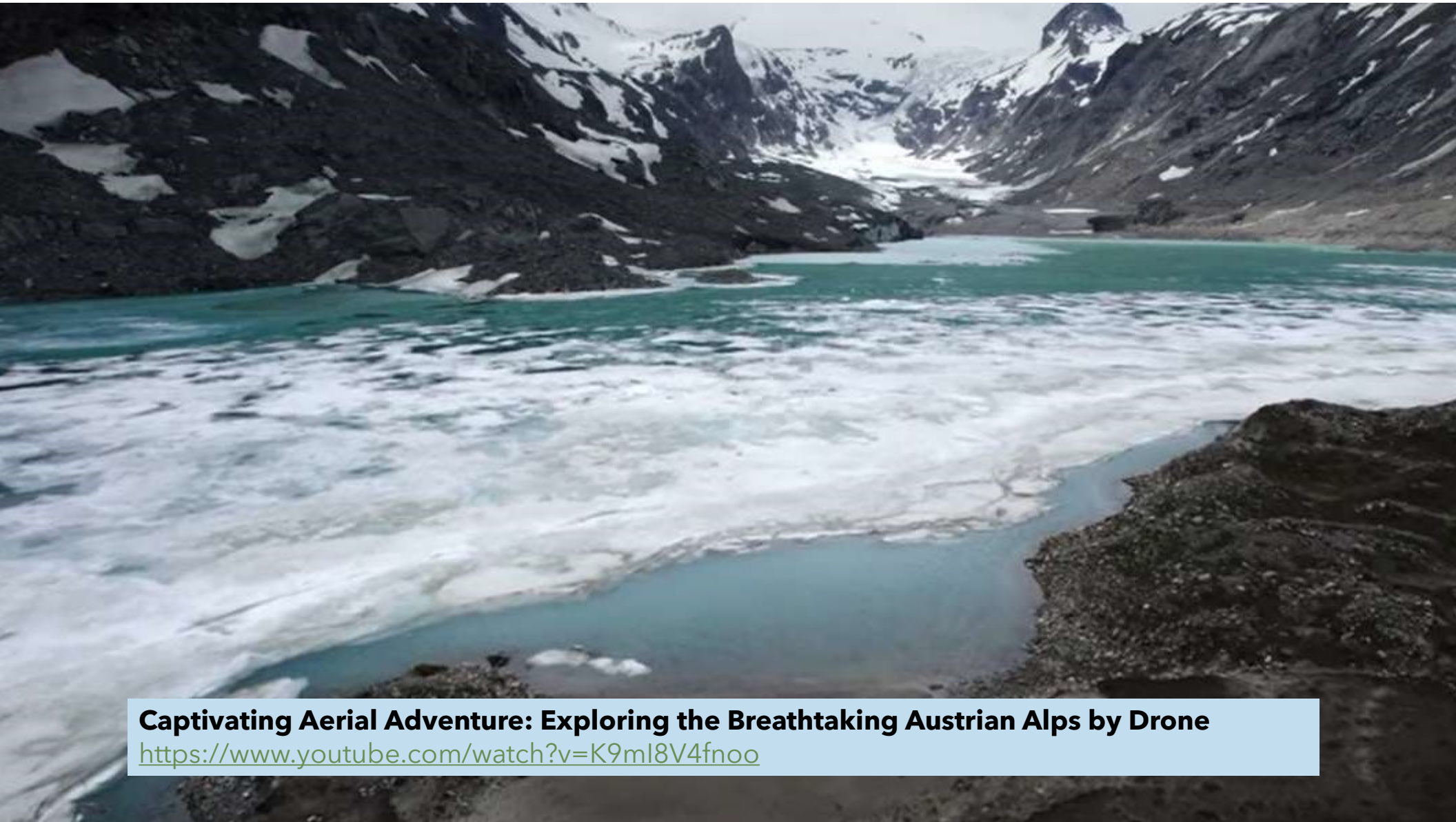




Adventure
Snow, ice,
frost







Captivating Aerial Adventure: Exploring the Breathtaking Austrian Alps by Drone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9ml8V4fnoo>

How does water exist?

Words for Water: 3 states

	Solid	Liquid	Gas
Water	Ice Iceberg Glacier	Water, drop, downpour River, Stream, Lake, Ocean Aquifer, Water Table. Flood, waterfall	Steam Clouds
Activities	Ice climbing	Swimming, rowing, fishing Diving, Sailing Exploring, Adventuring Jet Ski/water pack	Sauna/Steam Room Kettle Boiling/Making Tea or cooking.
Shaping	Ice carving	Watermills / Turbines Dam - water holding Cutting - high pressure water	Power generation/force of expansion & recycle condensate
Habitation	Time Capsule of seeds and frozen life	Fish, crustaceans, mammals Sea vegetation	



How could you describe water?

	Solid	Liquid	Gas
Adjectives		Water Table	
Verbs			
How we Shape water	Eg Ice carving		Steam - Locomotive
How water shapes us			
Water's impact on our behaviour		Hose pipe ban. Water cut off.	Travel





Credit: Fiona Humphrey

*Poem
How do you take
your water?*

*With tonic and gin;
a slice of lemon
thown in?*

Judith Packer

How do you take your water?



Credit: Fiona Humphrey

Or do you prefer the waves on your back?

Credit: Fiona Humphrey



Or rowing with friends, swimming out or diving in?



Credit: Rowing Friends – somewhere in the world



Or as a simple drop at dawn. Captured light.

Credit: Fiona Humphrey



Perfect, just for a moment; frozen time.

Credit: Fiona Humphrey

A harbor scene with many sailboats and a red tugboat. The water is a deep blue-green, and the sky is a clear, pale blue. In the background, there are low, dark hills. The sailboats are of various colors, including white, blue, and yellow. A red tugboat is visible on the right side of the harbor. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font.

Some go sailing for adventure

For others, adventure lies deep,

or within.

So whether on a river racing others, ...



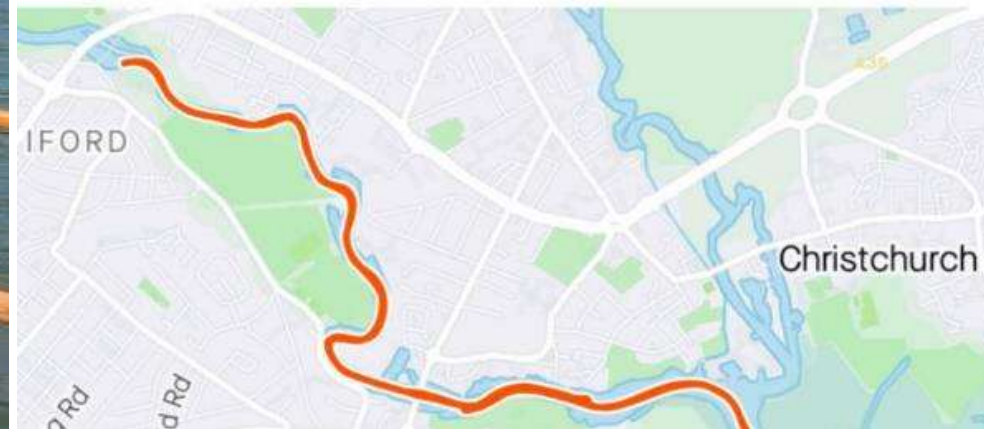
Credit: St Peter's College, Oxford

*Or heaving into harbour
with your crew.*



Credit: Carol Marsh

DISTANCE 12,326 m | **PACE** 3:13 /500m | **TIME** 1h 19m | **ACHIEVEMENTS** 🏆 2



*No need to track progress
on Strava*

Credit: Lucy Hart



Water's freedom will, one day, still find you.



And you.



Yes, and even you.





*Now its time - go make your splash!
Thank you*

Credit: Fiona Humphrey



Fifty Words for Snow by Nancy Campbell

- Looks at different cultures and countries and how they describe 'snow' in its different forms or other links

My favourite:-

- Icelandic: **'hundslappadrifa'**
'snowflakes as big as a dog's paw'
That softly blanket the streets



If you could invent a word to describe some aspect of water (solid, liquid or gas) what would it be & why?

<https://poems.poetrysociety.org.uk/poets/nancy-campbell/>

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Burnley and Back

Summer on the canal network means a lot of goslings, sunlit evening dog-walks along the towpath – and a full slate of events for Canal Laureate, Roy McFarlane. He's just come back from a few days in Burnley. We asked him how he got on ... The evening I arrived I caught up with the [...]

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Water Calling Adventure





Ukraine - Russia Kakhovka Dam

WATER UPDATE

So all 4 reservoirs are completely empty and they have no power to refill any of them. The original leak that happened yesterday, they only found at 9am this morning and this has still not been fixed and it had lost 800,000 litres over 24 hours. Until they can get water pumping again, they can't start on the leak to get this fixed. All their communications have also gone down due to the storm. This could be going on for a few weeks.

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Infrared satellite image shows scale of flooding



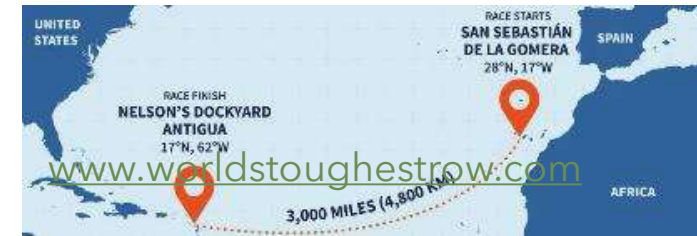
Source: Copernicus Sentinel-3

BBC

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<https://www.boatofhope.com/boat-of-hope-the-documentary>



'Another Place' by Antony Gormley



<https://www.visitsouthport.com/listing/another-place-by-antony-gormley/16098101/>

A close-up photograph of a person's hand splashing into water. The water is bright yellow-green, and there are many splashing droplets. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Thank you Now - make your own splash!".

*Thank you
Now - make your own splash!*

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