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Deep, deep, past the dark green branches  
and leaves on the far end of the lake—  
down to the secret homes of silver fish  
and their endless conspiracies

Deep under the jeweled, pearly waves  
under the restless unseen silky wind  
down into the currents sinister and flowing  
like a candle that will never burn out

Deeper than time and memory and the minds  
of elves, further than the roots  
of waxy wild water-lilies, beyond the gleaming  
rainbow-catching shells of clams

This is where the dwelling of the 77 magic  
creatures, eyes dark pools of forever tears;  
this is the hide-out, black and red,  
of the dancing, fluid mermaids and their friends