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The lake, a Persian carpet spread before us
on which ballerinas danced their golden
steps, light and airy. Summer wind
brought scents of pine, tiger lilies, and
dresses of dragonflies. Far off, the loons laughed
at a private joke, and our boat shifted

and sped through time
through hoary centuries
pulled by falcons tied in blue ribbon
and we sailed into Norwegian mountains, home of
trolls, and watched them frolic on gnarled feet
through an icicle night

returned peacefully to our lake, our faces
no more wrinkled than before, our swimsuits
no more faded. To our parents we looked
hopelessly young, naïve, unknowing.
We looked down at our hands
touched by angels.