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## FROM AN OVERLOOK BY LAC TREMPEALEAU

Between the Mississippi and road stretch  
the marshlands of Lac Trempealeau where  
like fallen snow, the white Egrets wade  
between white water lilies; and the white  
Pelicans rise in slow motion as their  
white wings push gravity down like the  
languid fans at a summer sermon, then dive  
and scoop up wriggling silvered fish  
like shattered points of ice that  
melt away in blue pouched beaks. Up  
up and around, Pelicans and Egrets turn  
in white nimbus clouds, and fall softly  
down again, the white feathered floating  
among white flowers and green round leaves.

— *Margaret Berg*