

## Perfect Four

Pond

Chalked out visioned dreams drawn out by tiny prophet hands  
Yet worn out by time gets to the problem that I am  
Roadside clover patch, searching for the luck I lack  
Catch my eye as I untwine, only to find three smiling back

Simply to be  
Clear to see

The cement is spreading wide as the flowers push on through  
Causing webs of cracks to spread; what can a mother do?  
Residues of greens and blues smeared by the feet of day  
A child's work, a friendly wash, down to dull, flat greys

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Clear to see

I know I don't know much, but I stand without a crutch  
Shiny shards of broken glass, laid out like a promise in the grass  
Found the perfect four; it takes a while  
You used to smile, you used to smile

Come on fortune fish define; come and curl up in my hand  
As the tapestry that's weaved confers up all my plans  
Reading out the years into the rings of grain  
Now a stump, once a tree on which we carved our names