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Lake Topelo, New Zealand with Mt. Cook, *by Irving Herman*

CATCHIN' SOME HEAT

Caught a utility bill at the city's
tree dump today.
Kinda like fishin' a well known stream.

There's a pool of maple leaves
hiding six, no
eight maple fillets.
Must be someone's creel
stashed by a city worker.
Stashed for a brother-in-law.

Grandpa oak glides below
willow ripples. Lazy.
Nothing
but brush until
I snag out the weeds.

Rusty truck reels in log chain line.
Green stickleback crabapple hits,
spits, gets away
this time.
Set the hook, spin tires up muddy bank
scattering wormy caviar
through regrouping tadpoles.

— Dave Gibson