Chapter 7 - Poems and Prayers

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L.B. was a writer of poems, and occasionally, of prayers, too. Campers were encouraged to write poetry, stories and reflections about their relationship with the outdoors that were printed in the newspapers for each camping session. L.B. did the same, and he sometimes showcased his poems in the annual Christmas cards that were sent out to the members and friends of the Outdoor Education Association. A few of them are provided here.

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