

Winning Poems in 2021 CFCP, Inc., Annual Contest

6. Science and Technology, Second Place

If It Rains . . .

there will be vernal pools
in the foothills and fields

ringed with small wildflowers—
little yellow daisies
and purple lupine

the collected water will be teeming
with life— brine shrimp, minnows

and in the local park a pool will rise
full of small aquatic life,

summoning the egrets
with great white wings

they will sojourn there,
waiting, rising in elegant flight . . .

and every sidewalk will abound
with brave greenery

as grass and weeds push up
through cracks in the cement

if it rains

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