

## Ode To Lake Erie

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Here's to you Lake Erie, one of the five Great Lakes!  
Feel the breeze as your waves  
bring the stench of rotting fish.  
A putrid taste makes us choke  
like a soggy piece of kelp,  
clinging to the roof of the mouth.  
Here's to you Lake Erie,  
stained green in the summer,  
with harmful algal blooms  
so vast, we can see them from space.  
You hold many mysteries.  
swimming in your waters,  
no one can see their toes  
what is gliding past us that we can't see?  
Your sandy shores, a place for children  
to look for glimmering sea glass.  
Instead, they find broken bottles.  
A pleasant beach walk with you may lead  
to jagged plastic  
penetrating the skin.  
We watch your ground  
rather than admire the sunset.