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Reflections on the Water

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Wherever on Earth fresh water joins salt
the people come in promise and praise, as here
where this ancient power flows without end. Here
by the mouth and voice of *Mayne's* greatest watershed
on its race by Katahdin mountain down to this Bay.

Only Here. This Penobscot Place.
This Ancestral Presence with our descendant eagles,
salmon and sturgeon restored in eternal re-Creation.
These visions. These birchbark canoes. These countless
ocean-going vessels again. You. Here. Your heart
riding the tide. This Now. This Tomorrow.

Oh you of this timeless Passage, return!