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Reflections on a Lake

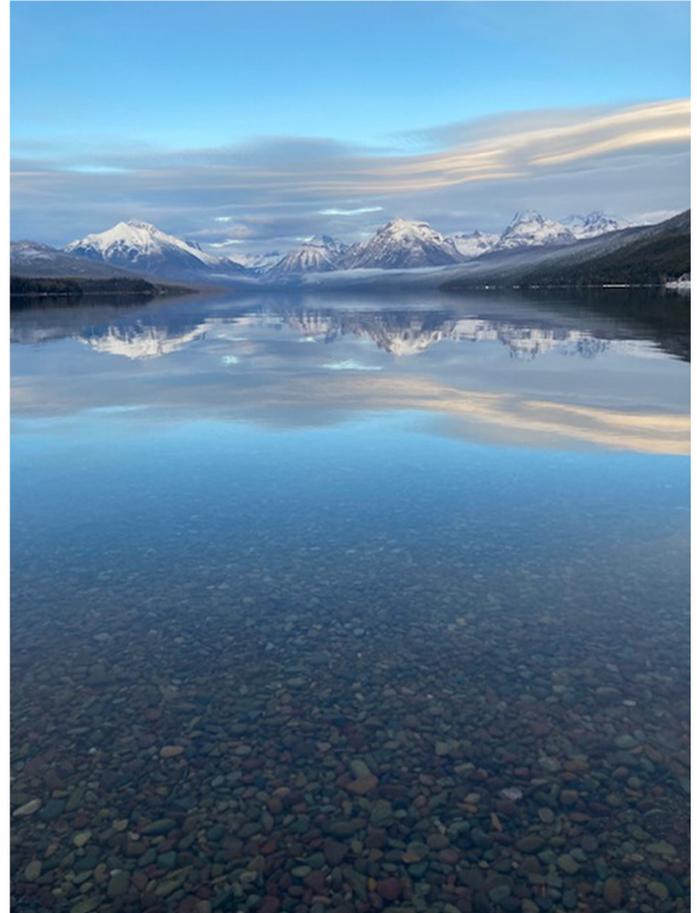
From once the peak pushed up from deep beneath
Then beaten from the outside and shattered from within
And nature's conveyor brings down its yearly bequeath
A multicolored foundation smoothed over and again

From once the peak plastered by storm and cold
Then warmed by the sun and a warm blanket of air
Small streams blend into creases increasingly bold
A life giving nectar to all, from marmot to bear

From once the peak to clouds and sun and sky
A pallet of breathable color so crisp and clear
The song of a warbler and an eagle passes by
At night new sounds and constellations appear

A poignant portrait as the glaciers continue to melt
As the impacts of change are not just seen, but felt

The crystal clear waters of Lake McDonald
in Glacier National Park



Reflections on a Lake, 11.3 x 8.5 inches,
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