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'The sun shone there for a very long time,  
and the water rippled and sang . . .'

Richard Jefferies in *My Old Village*.



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