

THE BEAUTIFUL ASPEN  
FRAMES THE YUKON RIVER  
EVERYTHING IS PEACEFUL  
UNTIL ANIMALS COME TO SHARE  
SOME STAND AT AWE  
BEFORE THEY DIP THEIR DELICATE HEADS  
ESPECIALLY THE SHY DEER  
THEY ARE NOT SO ENTHRALLED  
AT MAN SO NEAR  
PERHAPS GOD MADE HIM AWARE  
THAT MANS INTENTIONS  
ARE NOT SO TENDER  
AS THOSE THAT DRINK THE SHARE

— James Collins