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# Death Smiles

Death is Sunday  
and a brisk bright morning . . .  
is idling through a wood of aspen  
painted by Autumn  
to a sluggish river  
where two girls have just set off in a canoe.  
They wear long printed dresses and big hats.  
Death smiles and waves to the girls  
and they wave back.

**Michael Huff**