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*Summer: The Land and the Lake*

As I walk along the beach  
my feet burst into flames  
as if I'm walking on fiery coals.

Ouch! Hot, hot, hot!

People gulping down gallons of water;  
drops of sweat dripping down my head,  
my body melts on the shoreline  
like a Snickers bar melting in the sun.

The breeze from the lake  
rushing into my face.  
as I walk against the wind,  
rushing to the shade to get a drink of water,  
cooling off in the lake's breeze,  
I feel relaxed,  
Lying down to rest  
before swimming in the lake,  
cooling off in the icy water,  
and coming out freezing!  
All on a hot, hot summer's day.