

Lesson 8 Miracle at Adobe Creek

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In Petaluma, California, / Tom Furrer, a 26-year-old science teacher, / was walking / along a creek bed / where he used to play / as a boy. // He had hoped / that his high school students would enjoy a field trip / to look at the delicate life / in a healthy stream. // However, / he was very disappointed to find / that the creek was full / of abandoned refrigerators, washing machines, and other garbage. //

Walking around, / he happened to notice an old man / standing right in the stream / with a bucket in his hand. // Furrer wondered / what on earth he was doing / down there. // The man told Furrer / that he had been planting trees / to make shade / to keep the pools cool / for young steelhead. // Furrer was very surprised / that some baby steelhead had survived / in such a dirty river. //

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Furrer was told / that the steelhead's parents had traveled / a long way / from the sea, / where they had lived / -- under the Golden Gate Bridge, / across San Pablo Bay, / then up the Petaluma River / -- to spawn here in Adobe Creek. // Looking down at the water, / he said to himself, / "If one man could restore this small part of the creek, / what about the whole six-mile length?" //

Furrer gathered a group of students / from his school / in the spring of 1983 / to restore the creek. // Most of them / knew about shopping malls, / but few of them / had seen a wild stream. // The question was / whether they would accept his idea. //

Furrer told them, / "Adobe Creek has not yet died. // One man has preserved / the delicate life of these steelhead. // Why don't we help him? // Steelhead are almost extinct. // Their future belongs to your generation, / not mine." // His students' struggle began. //

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26-year-old ハイフン 単数形

where he used to play 関係副詞 / used to(do) 以前は～ / had hoped 過去完了

be disappointed to find disappoint=がっかりさせる・落胆させる(他)

be full of / abandon=見捨てる

Walking around 分詞構文 happened to / notice + O + ~ing(知覚動詞) / right=ちょうど

on earth = in the world「いたいざんたいい」

keep the pools cool (VOC O=C)

, where they had lived 関係副詞 非制限用法

spawn「卵を産む」

Looking down 分詞構文 / say to oneself「自分に言い聞かせる」 / 仮定法

1 mile = 1.6 km

restore「取り戻す・回復する・再生させる」 / few

SVC(Cがwhether節)

accept

preserve「」

almost (nearly) extinct「」 / belong to

struggle「」