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CALL ME LUCKY

The shivering of birch leaves
The slithering of a harmless snake
Waterbugs disturbing the surface of my lake
Tall grass for the island's native population
to live in.
Berry bushes for the more cultivated to eat from.
A stillness not found even in a department
store late at night.
What ties me to the nearest town?
Nothing...if I'm lucky.
Or at the most a six band transistor radio.
What ties me to the nearest person?
Nothing...if I'm lucky.