Krill Watching

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Abstract
This is a concrete, or visual, found poem about the scientific activity of observing krill in the deep sea. I discovered this concrete found poem in prose that Nicol (2019, p. 200) quoted from Ommanney (1938).


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The ‘krill’
is a creature
of delicate and
feathery beauty,
reddish brown
and glassily
transparent.
It swims with
that curiously
intent purpose
-fulness peculiar
to shrimps, all
its feelers alert
for a touch,
tremulously
sensitive, its
protruding black
eyes set forward
like lamps. It
moves forward
slowly, deliberately,
with its feathery
limbs working in
rhythms and, at a
touch of its feelers,
shoots backward
with stupefying
rapidity to begin
its cautious forward
progress
once again.

This concrete found poem was discovered in prose that Nicol (2019, p. 200) quoted from Ommanney (1938).