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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 -fullness 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 progress once again.

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