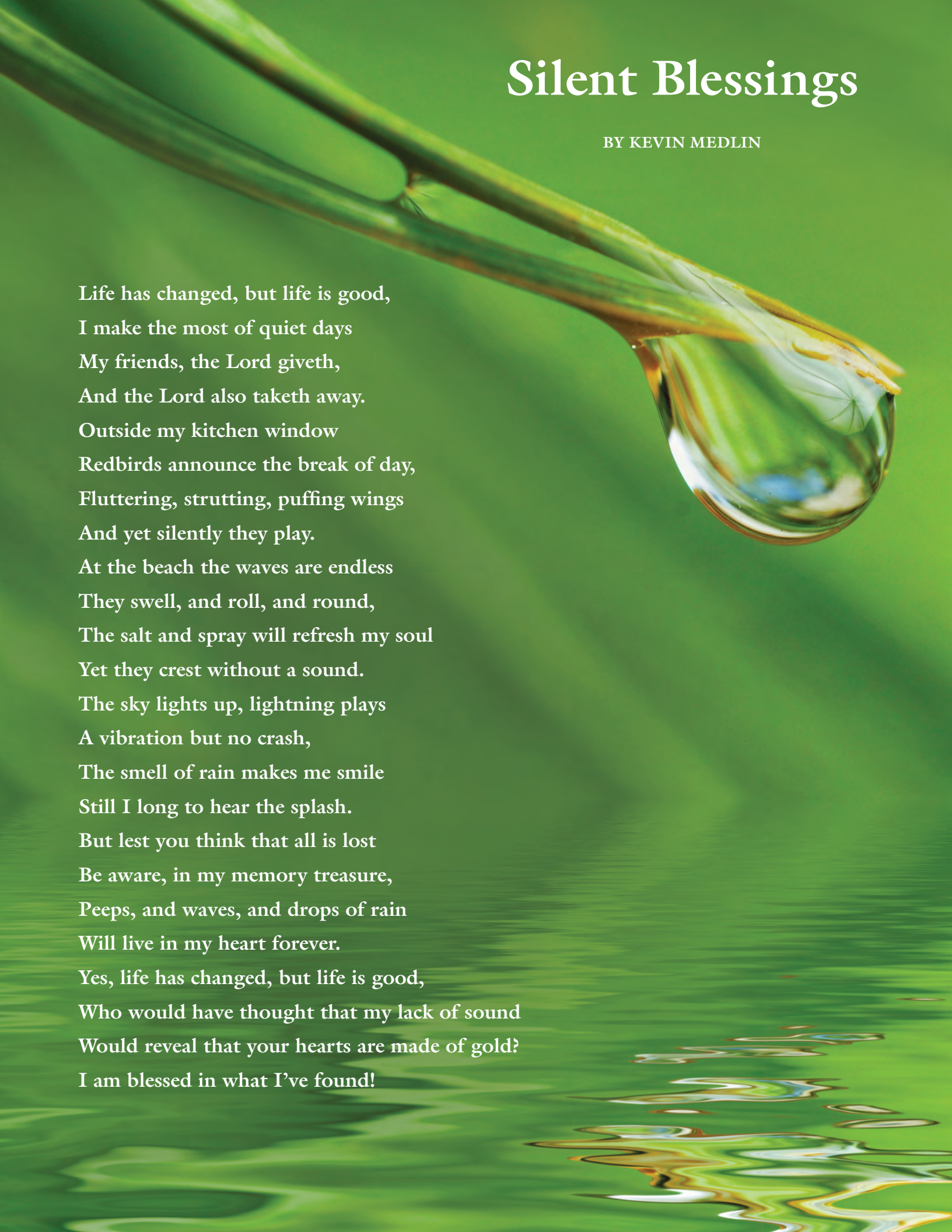


Silent Blessings

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Life has changed, but life is good,
I make the most of quiet days
My friends, the Lord giveth,
And the Lord also taketh away.
Outside my kitchen window
Redbirds announce the break of day,
Fluttering, strutting, puffing wings
And yet silently they play.
At the beach the waves are endless
They swell, and roll, and round,
The salt and spray will refresh my soul
Yet they crest without a sound.
The sky lights up, lightning plays
A vibration but no crash,
The smell of rain makes me smile
Still I long to hear the splash.
But lest you think that all is lost
Be aware, in my memory treasure,
Peeps, and waves, and drops of rain
Will live in my heart forever.
Yes, life has changed, but life is good,
Who would have thought that my lack of sound
Would reveal that your hearts are made of gold?
I am blessed in what I've found!