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## Aesthetic is Key

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damp leaves sprinkled like powdered sugar on a funnel  
cake.

the sky is so grey, i don't know what to do with myself.

the funny thing is, i'd rather be outside...

trudging through pools of water formed on top of the  
earth.

so when everything has turned to mud,  
and you're soaked through to your bones,  
come find me out there in the mist.

splash into a puddle and look down at your reflection.  
are you aesthetically pleasing?