

their shape is long and narrow, with rugged irregular margins, and they vary from fifty miles to five or ten in length, and in breadth from seven to two. Their waters are extremely cold and very clear, and fish of excellent quality are taken in large quantities, and amongst them a kind of spotted fish, resembling the perch in shape, and averaging from two and a half to four pounds in weight, which is always considered a great delicacy. There is, however, one exception to this clearness of the waters: the Lilloet water is of a turbid, dirty green, which refuses even to reflect the glories of the sky. But, on the other hand, I do not think I ever beheld anything more lovely than the Lake of Chilukenyuke as I once looked down on it by moonlight. Every star in the wide expanse above, as it shone with glittering brightness in its tranquil course, was mirrored in the translucent waters. It was truly a delicious scene, charming and fascinating the senses, and filling the inmost soul with a glow of delight and reverential awe; for all above, around, and beneath, proclaimed the majesty of the Divine Creator. Nothing is more ennobling, nothing more softening, than the contemplation of the beautiful, the peaceful, and the grand; and few spots on earth can present these characteristics more harmoniously and gloriously combined than do this still Lake and silent Valley.

This silent glen, this silent glen,
Oh, how I love its solitude!
Far from those busy haunts of men,
Far from the heartless multitude:
No eye save Nature's sovereign beam,
No breath, but heaven's, to break the dream;
No voice, but yonder bubbling stream,
Dares on the ear intrude.