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## A Melon-Colored Frog

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A Melon-Colored Frog,

A melon-colored frog,  
soft and gentle orange,  
like ripe watermelons  
bursting in summer sun,  
squats silently, content  
for awhile with slow life.

But suddenly, instead of  
staying still and quiet,  
he becomes brighter, like  
sunrise exploding and  
expanding into fire,  
flames higher and higher.

As with age, the flame slow,  
The blaze is a flicker,  
becoming warm and slow,  
embers aglow softly.  
The frog is glowing orange,  
a bright but fading star.

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