

Three uses for jam jars

Up to her knickers in stream
she caught tadpoles
through bent light,
carried them home
by a string handle
to free in the garden pond.

Strawberries
hulled sugared
boiled packed in
with gingham covers
to spread
on home-baked scones.

Her hand shook.
A wasp
trapped against the window
might find a way
to sting through glass.

This summer she is lost for words.
The simple ones –
fish
strawberry
wasp
slip far down

too deep for catching.

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