

Lesson 1

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Small Fish

Ned slaps at the bugs as he opens the can of bait. He watches the blips where the minnows have lost their air. He listens to the croaks of the frogs in the reeds.

Ned blinks and squints at the bay. In an hour the mists will lift and he will row away.

He looks with disgust at the small fish in the pail, yet he laughs as he casts from the boat. Come on, all you big fishes! Grab the bait so I can reel you in!