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Henry Thoreau, August 1847



HENRY THOREAU, AUGUST 1847. "Only that day dawns to which we are awake."

Artist's statement: Thoreau's determination to contribute to the social issues of his time was, most likely, a deeply personal and spiritual experience. While we presently relate to Thoreau through his writing, we must consider the fact that his written works were not well known during his lifetime. My intention with this drawing was to depict the solitary, contemplative nature of Thoreau on a morning toward the end of his stay at Walden Pond—a morning when he realizes that his "dawn" has arrived.

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