

Eternities of Fire and Ice

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Red-hot liquid rock erupted,
grew into an encasing blanket.
Unhurriedly, the overlay sank,
created vast Lake basins.

Ice sculpting through nonstop time
made the Lakes' ancestors rise
as the rime sheet retreated –
ever altered the ecosystem.
Driving outflow covered hollows,
whittled valleys, nurtured rivers.

Ongoing uplift and volatile climate
indicate Lakes are still not static –
what's in store, unknown.