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UNFORGETTABLE SUMMERS

Caught!  
But don't stretch your hand  
too near to the pike's head  
—they warned me as a child—  
don't let your fingers mistakenly slip  
towards the pike's mouth.

Warm!  
But don't stretch your arm, lad  
not with your skin, into the glare  
—they warned me as a child—  
don't bare your arms to the sun,  
it'll hurt and peel off.

Nice!  
But don't go too far into the waters.  
Boy, they got many a better than you  
—they warned me as a child—  
don't trust the river's crystal smile  
or the current will catch you.

Yes, so they warned me,  
so they did,  
when I was a child.

*translated by the author*