

# ON THE POPULAR IDEA THAT EVOLUTION COULD HAVE FAVORED OTTERS

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Find me another creature who  
Sings and dances on the edge  
Of the Abyss.

Find me another creature who  
Puts word after word and  
Transmutes Nature into color  
On a canvas in the fading light  
Of Dusk.

Find me another creature who  
Laughs the dauntless, the deep,  
The soul-shattering laughter of  
Youth in the diffident face  
Of Death.

And then I will concede that,  
Yes, man is not so special  
After all.