

DEAWING AFTER DETAIL FROM "A BIGGER SPLASH" DAVID HOCKNEY 1967

Water detail – sight

Like vegetation, water is varied and dynamic in appearance. Extremes of dark and light can be manipulated. Textural extremes of movement and stillness dramatise. Rhythm, ripple and the flash of dragonflies animate. Light-sparkle smoothness. Still water is a mirror to sky, plants, people and birds.

Water detail – sound

Quiet and subtle sound of water; lapping, tinkling, babbling, relax but need ambient silence. The roar and splash of fast-moving water exhilarates and masks other sounds in cities. Bird sounds echo over water surfaces. People love to make sound with water. Ice reverberates to stones skimmed on frozen lakes or crackles underfoot in glassy puddles.