

Manatee

large, slow, peaceful beasts
prefer to swim with other
large, slow, peaceful beasts

you are my escort
for these precious few minutes
in your hydrous home

in calming silence
you're minding your own business,
as you wish of me

I hear you munching
your endless lunch of seagrass,
doing no one harm

as stewards of Earth,
I wish we humans would be
rather more like you



Photo: Crystal River, Florida, 9 March 2023 (credit: Plantation Manatee Tours)

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