

## **Back Light on Deal Lake**

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There is a time of day on the courtyard  
Just before the sun drops below  
The Santander's penthouse suite  
sending long rays streaming past the gargoyles out to  
sea  
splashing a light one only sees in Europe in summer  
bathing the little houses of Loch Arbour  
so colors of roof and walls, pines and lake water and  
ocean waves  
are suddenly awash in their true hues,  
brushed in gold in supernatural brilliance  
the tidal peaks lined in pinks, silvers and lavender  
"Come, come here," the light seems to beckon  
"Come inside by the fire -- for the night is nigh."