

CLP Rally Day, 2017

We hope that some day soon we'll see
Myriophyllum controlled by 2,4-D.
But DEC says that we must wait
to kill those weeds with Navigate.

And *Potamogeton* is out there too,
growing fast and out of view.
It's the one that comes on early,
with long, long stem and leaves quite curly.

Perhaps soon we'll also see the day
those leaves succumb to Aquathol K.
Early mixed treatment is the way to go,
then invasive weeds will no longer grow.

We followed the rules, but here we sit,
waiting and hoping for our state permit.
Solitude surveyed this spring's weed tally,
and today's the day for our Lake Rally.

Out in the lake the weeds keep on growing,
their roots in the bottom, tops not yet showing.
Lake sediment is rich in nutrients needed.
If this was your garden, you'd have it all weeded.

But this isn't your garden, this lovely lake!
In this body of water we all have a stake.
Let's consider all options and make the best choice.
In matters like this we must all have a voice.

Lake management's not easy, much is involved,
with questions and problems not easily solved.
But there are other lakes, and we aren't alone;
applied science can help, as research has shown.

We've read their reports and we are quite sure
that harvesting isn't the only weed cure.
So, this summer we'll demonstrate our ideas for you.
Please join us, we need you, we really do!

Tom Erlandson, May 2017