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>> This landscape painting is by a Canadian artist named Bertram Brooker. Landscapes are pictures of the outdoors and they usually include things that are in nature, such as trees, hills, rivers, and mountains. Sometimes they also feature manmade things, like the building in this painting. When I look at a landscape like this one, I like to pretend that I've stepped inside the frame and imagine what it would feel like to be there. Imagine the sound of water rippling in the lake and the wind blowing through the trees. What do you think the wind would feel like? Is it a warm or chilly day? A great landscape painting can transport you, make you feel like you're in that world for a moment. If you want to create your own picture of a landscape, it can help to start by thinking about the shapes you see in the landscape and then build your picture from there. Take a close look at this painting. Look at the cottage. The roof is a triangle and the little chimney is a rectangle. Behind the house there is a bright green tree which looks like a circle. The hills in the background look like large triangles, but with rounded corners. When I look at the pinky-brown shore, I can see lots of squares and rectangles. The sharp edges and corners make the shore look rocky. What shapes do you see?

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