

All of this dazzling beauty paled, however, with the rise of the full moon directly at our bow, larger and clearer than I had ever seen it. Quickly it revealed its full form from behind the edge of the earth, its light tarnished golden yellow by the thickness of the atmosphere. How close it appeared: as if it could be reached just over the horizon or knocked across the heavens with a giant tennis racket. As the moon inched higher into the night's sky, the burnt yellow colour imperceptibly brightened to a sharp silver, and the silver light played on the sea water, turning it into a vast field of sparkling diamonds.

— from *Walking on Water: Four Days Over the Horizon on a Jangada* by Patrick Heffernan

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