

## I See Silica

I see silica on the beach  
forming castles, tracing footprints  
White and fine under my feet

I see silica in a quartz countertop  
Pattern swirls everywhere  
Smooth and beautiful, shiny and sleek

I see silica in the gravel road  
Zooming by, under my bike  
A bumpy ride, wonderfully free

I see silica in the vase on my table  
Holding water, delicately clear  
Reflecting the sun into my eyes

I see silica in my computer screen  
A hard, clear protective case  
covering the inside of the machine

I see silica in my bedroom window  
Making everything beautiful and bright,  
flooding my room with natural light

I see silica in the bed of a dump truck  
Cassidy Lake Silica Mine, New Brunswick  
Gravel, sand, and chunks of quartz

