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The goldfish in the quarry pond.

In my lifetime there's always been a goldfish in the pond in Haytor Quarry, he's quite enormous as well, and he's still there because I saw him a couple of years ago! When I was a teenager we used to come up here and have wild parties in the quarry and there was a big goldfish in there then, and I came up here a couple of years ago leading a local history group around and I was relating this story to them and saying there used to be a big goldfish in the pond here when I was a lad and one of the people on the party said, 'What? You mean like that one there?' And there he was, sitting under the lilies.