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## The Natural Wonders of Lake Park

As I stepped onto the desolate beach of Lake Park in Lewisville, Texas, I was immediately overwhelmed by my senses. The aroma of the lake and the soothing boom of the waves breaking onto the coast surrounded me. Despite it being April, the sand felt cold under my feet as I made my way towards the clear water's edge. I was in awe of the horizon's vastness, which seemed to go on forever, as the sun blessed my skin with warm golden rays. In the distance, a lone sailboat rocked like a baby in a cradle, its bright white sail a stark contrast against the deep blue of the lake. Against this soft scenery, dark, jagged rocks jutted out from the coastline and contrasted with the fine, light sand, creating a striking interplay of colors. Above, the odd seagull squawked, looking for food; its feathers were a mixture of sandy brown and white. The sound of the waves produced a consistent rhythm, like a pulse that matched mine, and the water was a deep shade of turquoise with hints of green and blue. I could not resist the wave of tranquility and quiet that swept over me as I continued my stroll. The beach became a respite from the hurry of daily life, and the colors of the scene only added to its beauty.

As the sun began to set, the sky transformed into a canvas of warm oranges and pinks, with hints of purple and gold, painting the clouds with soft pastels. The lake mirrored these colors, creating a stunning reflection that made it seem like the water was on fire. Reluctantly, I turned and walked back up the beach, wistfully leaving behind the serenity of this seductive scenery. As I peered out over the boundless lake, I remembered a core aspect of my identity: beneath the layers of responsibilities and aspirations, there was a girl who dreamed of becoming an accomplished Ethiopian woman with multiple degrees to her name. I was reminded that the

colorful beauty of Lake Park was not only a source of respite but also an inspiration. For her, I would walk many miles to reach the shore of accomplishments.