

A PEACEFUL RETREAT

BEGINNING OF A PERFECT EVENING II



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There is something supremely satisfying about a life that is self-contained, complete unto itself. Thoreau lived such a life on Walden Pond. I like to imagine living in just such splendid isolation in a setting of my own choice—in a secluded *A Peaceful Retreat*.

This simple cabin provides everything a man needs to sustain a rewarding life. The stream is pristine; I can drink its pure waters. It teems with fish; my boat lets me pursue the mountain trout when I choose. The woods abound with game. My cozy Adirondack rocker invites me to relax and savor the refreshing mountain breeze. I've stacked firewood for the campfire that will warm the chill evening air. Above all, I am surrounded by beauty that feeds my spirit with endless reminders of God's grace.

Like all of you, I spend my time in a world more complex than the one I imagine in *A Peaceful Retreat*. And I would not trade the pleasures of family and the rewards of a demanding and satisfying career for the peaceful pleasures of this happy solitude. But it is good, sometimes, to retreat, at least in imagination to a quiet place, where one can refresh and restore the soul. In that spirit, I invite you to share with me the tranquil pleasures of this *A Peaceful Retreat*.

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