The picture on page 82 of “The Eloquent Umbrella” taken by Justin Weise can be looked at in two ways. One way is to look at the surface of the picture and describe what you see. The second way is to look deep into the picture, to feel what the picture is saying. When looking on the surface of the picture one might notice how the water is calm and the trees do not have any leaves on them. A couple of the trees are lying in the water. The picture also looks cluttered from a distance.

If a person is to look deep into the picture they could notice a whole lot more. The picture can almost tell a story to the beholder. The trees have a lot of moss on them suggesting that they are old and weathered. Because the trees are lying in the water it is as if they could not withstand the abuse that mother nature inflicted upon them. It is obvious that the weather has been harsh due to the color of the water. The water has a brown tint to it suggesting a winter rainstorm had just past. The light reflecting off of the water, allowing the reflection of the trees to be seen suggests the passing of the rainstorm. It is almost like mother nature has won a battle by taking some of the trees into the water. Though it is apparent that the trees have won their own battles as well. The trees are oak trees, which are known as some of the strongest trees in North America. The oak tree can withstand massive gusts of wind, snow, and rain while maintaining their position. By the
trees being able to withstand these events suggests that the trees will be there for many years to come.

The sunlight, which is reflecting off of the water, allows the onlooker to see the trees on the water. This could be looked at as a way of seeing into the trees’ souls, into their very being. In the story the “Ugly Duckling” the goose looks into the water and sees a reflection of its inner beauty. The inner beauty of the trees can also be seen through the water. In the water the trees look like an intricately woven spider web, which has strength to last through anything. A spider web is also mesmerizing when a person looks at it for any length of time. The picture can also be seen as strong and mesmerizing.