

# Splash

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Anybody can pass through the gates  
and frolic in the municipal water  
as long as there's no running  
or drinking from glass bottles  
or contemplating  
why movies matter more than novels.  
I would cut the people some slack  
but slack does not explain  
some bathing suit choices. Chlorine  
is paramount to the experience  
although most swimmers  
find the chemical hard to spell.  
Slack only illuminates slack.  
When my findings are made public  
they will take the cake. A lack  
of sunscreen is only the beginning.  
My findings will blur the distinction  
between customer and staff.  
Wet footprints fade on the concrete.  
Bees commandeer the gazebo.  
The lifeguards blow their whistles  
and race from the top to the bottom  
and back. For insurance purposes,  
the winners will lift a replica of the trophy.