

## “Great Egret”

a poem inspired by Peggy Cook’s painting, *Great Egret*

by Cindy Herndon

Long,

White neck

And body

Balance on thin

Skinny, toothpicks.

Its knees bend backwards when

It wades in shallow water to

Look for food. The tall marsh grass bows

While the Great Egret stands motionless.

The shoreline sentinel awaits its meal.