

## **“Bridges”**

a poem inspired by Lonnie Harkins’s Photograph, *You Decide*  
by John Riedesel

Waterways, once earth’s highways,  
Teemed with sea creatures  
Staring up in wonder  
At the bellies of giant fish  
Carrying people to and fro  
Over the surface.

Mankind threw steel highways  
Across those bays and rivers  
And traveled o’er  
Not knowing or caring  
About the sea creatures  
Looking up in vain for those silent fish.