Create a beautiful painting that captures the essence of light reflecting on water.

**Tools + Materials**

- Watercolor paint
- Brush and water
- Watercolor paper

**Directions**

1. Wet your blank paper with plain water. This helps the colors blend together.
2. Paint patches of color on the wet paper to represent sky and water. The center color represents the horizon.
3. Let the painting dry. Then add trees, buildings or abstract shapes above shoreline.
4. Add the reflection of the same shapes below the shoreline. Is your water still and glassy or rippling? Reflection colors are often a shade darker than the original.
5. Add additional ripples in the water and items in the foreground if you like.

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