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FAITH IN A FLY*

[Outnumbered]

You kept the faith through cold months, tying flies by the fire. You knew that the forsythia would bloom and the tulip trees would send out buds like ducks' bills. You knew the sun would pull up grannoms, the grannoms would pull up trout, and the trout would pull you into running water. None are sun-lovers, exactly. Fish and caddisflies are usually most active under mild gray skies and so are you, but in spring you need a burst of energy and a surge of life. You may not catch many trout, with so much competition from nature. But you will be awake.

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* Title echoes Thoreau's Faith in a Seed.