

## Raft Race

*Fen Raft Spider: 'Vulnerable', IUCN Red List*

What causes us to go on standing by  
when we could save a species with eight feet?  
Our fenland spider pools could soon be dry.

We leave the work to scientists, who try  
to buck the trend, conserving tracts of peat:  
what causes us to go on standing by?

Statistics show a grim reality  
as habitats decline in rising heat:  
our fenland spider pools could soon be dry.

New rescue rafts are launched, but some will shy  
away from volunteering for the fleet:  
what causes us to go on standing by?

The time has come to jump aboard, defy  
the urge to settle for a ringside seat:  
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The female bears her bundle to the sky  
on strands of sedge, as air and water meet.  
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