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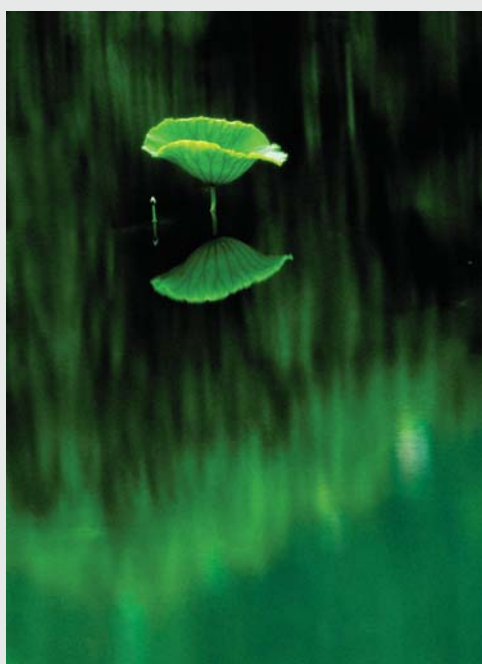
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The Cover Shot



Sound of Silence

I have been deeply immersed in Nature in recent years. To me, seeing and feeling beauty is more vital than any resulting imagery. I am fully aware of the elements of photography - light, composition and emotion.

Some years ago on one of my numerous photography trips in the Mainland, I stayed in a hotel room overlooking a huge lotus pond. Rising very early one morning, I envisioned a dramatic composition of a lotus leaf and a tiny lotus bud in the dark.

I set up my camera and waited patiently. Soft morning light suddenly appeared, which I knew would change subtly and abruptly. There was no time to think and I reacted spontaneously to the scene before me. The light lasted for only one exposure.

The result was the final image of "Sound of Silence", which conveys to me a sense of profound silence and serenity. At the same time, I seem to hear the sound of Nature.



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