

My friend tosses a stone towards a lake

The way he throws it,

With a very specific-kind of twisting-of-the-wrist

makes his very flat  
stone hit the  
water at an angle  
which pushes the  
water downward  
which creates lift  
for the stone  
which then  
propels it into the  
air and then

Of course

It comes back down.

But if you're good

(like my friend)

It comes down at an angle

And rises once more.

I'm told that surface  
tension has very little to  
do with it. It's really  
nothing more  
complicated than the  
rotation alleviating the  
stone's torque of lift  
being applied to its  
underside and

In theory

A stone –

If horizontal speed were to be maintained –

Could conceptually skip forever.

I am a stone.

Not because I am tossed across a lake

But

Rather

Because I generate lift

And I push the water underneath me

And for a moment I fly

And then I fall

To do it over again.