Themes in “Silver Water”
Mental illness/sanity
Family
Truth
Death
Nature
Therapists

Motifs
Water—e.g. the description of the lake on (conveys feelings of calmness, serenity). Water in pitcher is clear: an image of sanity. Mountain water—water from glacier is silvery.

Music
Color

Theme vs. Motif:
A theme is an idea that the story says something about.

A motif is an idea that the story says something with.

What is the story saying about “color” as an idea?

What is the story saying with color, about some other idea?