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Watercolor on Yupo paper, 11 x 14 in



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A Single Note in the Infinite

Flapped and whiplashed onto shore,
Then tenderly pulled back and within,
Like a child tucked into place at night.
But here, there are no stars,
And the sea slaps and washes
You clean of dreams.
Salt-beaten and cracked-lipped,
You pray against its blind thrash.
Smoothed like a pebble,
Opened like a shell.
Awake, awake.
Hungry prayer,
Angry fire of dying sun upon waves.
Honed and honed
To a perfect grain of sand.
Minute. A single note
In the infinite.

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