

## From the very first water

a nymphoneme perches on the tidal roll of emerging  
and dissolving matter before fins protruded and hardened into limbs  
movement becomes a swim or a step eons later

particles enrich each other dance and dare life immersed in alchemy  
where seals shift our distorted perspective cluster of *nym nym* I  
call out to you to call me back

at the edge of a teething tide soft shelled lobster scuttles in the open  
her convulsing compass *nym nym* acidified letters' legs stretched  
to byssus' level anchoring carapace of constellations

seal-skinned sound falls off a cliff into the water *nym nym* I lift her to safety  
a shoal of shrimp dart out in pyrotechnic star like water cuts through  
matter filters eons later

in the very last water gelatinous bodies swim under cover under shroud  
arms touch briefly as clock needles the time is *nym nym*  
splitting autotomy once the moment has passed

tidal bore gnashes us towards sandbanks grit and nurdles gargle  
a flavour of place changeling water drags life out of cells expelled *nym*  
*nym* from body taken by the current undiscovered and unnamed

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