

# Ode to the Ocean

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largest part of earth  
undiscovered  
beneath the surface

we attempt to explore  
but our bodies don't have the capacity  
neither do our minds

our bodies enveloped  
in the waves  
legs kicking back and forth  
fighting the current  
that's pulling us further  
into the sea

what's beneath us  
remains a mystery

imagine what we would find  
squid as big as submarines  
only they don't need machinery  
to protect them  
from the pressures of the deep

our shores lay dependent  
on a grey sphere up in the sky  
we've explored our oceans  
but have more familiarity  
with the moon

the sun rises and falls  
everyday red, yellow, and orange hues  
color the sky

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reflected off the surface  
of the great big blue  
the biggest animal in the world  
consumes the smallest animal  
how could that ever satisfy them?

lakes within oceans  
absorbed in darkness  
yet life persists  
animals with their own lightbulbs  
navigating through the deep

when the oceans illuminate  
we call it a miracle  
giving us our own  
guided light

our laughter echoes  
over the expansive horizon  
only to be drowned out  
by waves

thousands of years in the making  
mini mountains rise and explode  
their eruptions shake earth  
cracking roads and buildings

tsunamis push waves that rise  
above our tallest trees  
homes washed away

we split our ocean into pieces  
atlantic, pacific, arctic, and indian  
as if we have control over what it does