

—The wind is splitting the desert's ridge in half.

until the desert swallows the earth.

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ear to the lightning sand

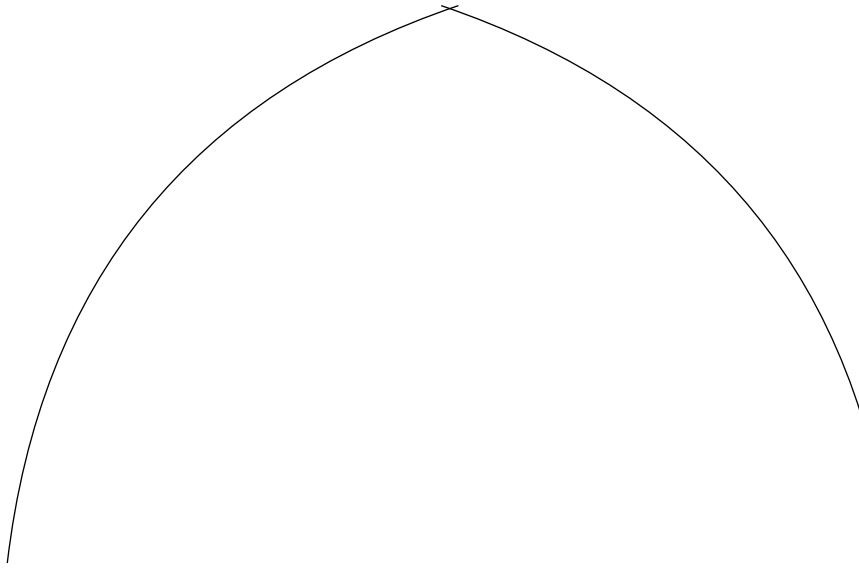
green fold

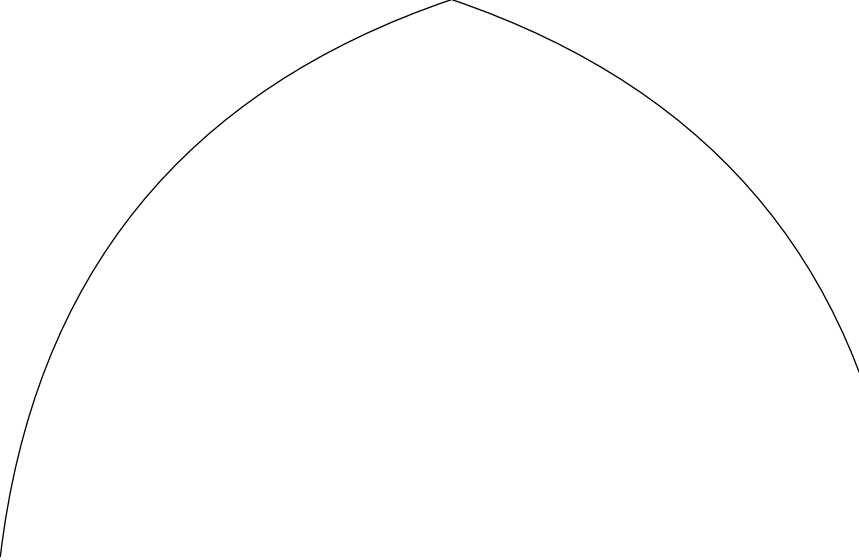
expansive enveloping

(tongue and wash
slipped under
salt
and
frill of ocean)

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unable to take in the proliferated sight





and not rush into a day
and merely listen to the threnody

becoming a figure
in the blue light of a very early morning

like

the cat's labored breathing
the soft thrum of conversation

between two unknowns

who

stand out in the hallway.

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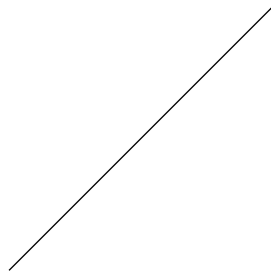
shepherding in a space

which is lost even when
we move

when OUR ringed hand
laced with gold and turquoise

is pushed.

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perhaps it was the gesture.

march toes in frozen skin.

cringed door.SAND
AND SILT. OR WATER LOGGED CHALK.
FOSSILIZED SEA LIFE GROWS.

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