

Coasting

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A statistical lapse
the freakishly high tide retreats
Coaxing, gouging, drawing
forming a new channel from marsh to sea
Shells, sand, grit, littoral debris
displaced, re-arranged
reformed in ever-moving accretions
A swirling diaspora of emergent completions

Landward distant ranges surge and slide
An andante terrestrial ocean
churning the world as we clamber and glide
while the earth surfs celestial tides



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