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The Catch

I dreamed of water
full of bodies splashing,
voices screaming,
hands waving.

Surrounded,
I moved towards your white skin
illuminated,
a beacon
— road map to my salvation.

While I learned to swim,
you reached in
and pulled me out by the mouth.

Caught on your line,
you kissed me
with the breath of life,
then threw me back
out to sea.

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