



## At the Great Door of Morning

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### *The Kelp-Cutters*

*Ten years since I buried  
All the air I could,  
And followed you  
Down into the dark,  
Your breath shimmering  
Like stars on the kelp.  
Joe, when we broke through  
That last time and found  
The boat gone, the air  
So cold we lay there  
Not saying a word,  
Hand in hand, treading  
Until your warm grip went slack—  
Joe, I could do nothing  
But ride with the kelp  
Into dawn, rocking  
In the cold slate,  
Listening to myself pump  
The damp night full of breath.*

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