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AS REAL AS A PAINTED VASE

A horizon stands before him
Spacious, unending and surreal

Slipping and splashing
Like the colors on canvas being slapped around

It seems too close and undeniable
But also so fleeting

As the sun hides itself beneath the ocean
The image of the landscape shatters

Like a vase taking a dive
From a table's edge

The pieces fall about
The colors zipping in an instant

And then gone
Maybe even from memory, too

After all, this brief moment of beauty
Was only as real as a painted vase