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Seiche: A wave that oscillates in lakes, bays, or gulls as a result of seismic or atmospheric disturbances.

Now the long wait for the wave.  
When water pulls out, the gong stills, 
mopweed stiffens, the whelk clings to the rock. 
If you walk out past the point where hermits skitter into the dark, 
you will be swept into its curl.  
From a high, safe place you dream of pools 
eclipsed, the sand docked tilt of keels, 
the seafloor not a desert, but a bed: 
the seiche your lover makes 
turning in his sleep— 
the pulling out, the basin dry,  
your blanket snatched away. 

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