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Here
Seagulls beg to be left
Alone
this is not urban living-
dirty feathers sweeping
through
yesterday's meal

Here
voices change
in air heavy with salt
and mollusks
pale pink and plentiful
leave empty homes
behind-
treasure scattered amongst
smooth orange stone

Here
bellies full
Gulls watch and listen
Above
they are lost in crisp white light
leaking over
earth water sky

Here
they are no longer the
nuisance of parking lot feeding,
Begging—No

Here
I am the intruder
(out of place, out of home)
subject of the dark coal eye
confused by my screeching.

--Erin Hopkins