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Lighting bleeds across sky
Carrying electric messages
From one cloud to another
Keeping lines of communication open.

Wind scurries across land
Rustling the leaves on the trees
As they bend and sway
To the sound of the music.

Waves crawl up the grainy shore
Reaching for the shells
Eroding newly built sand castles
Retreating to regroup and rise again.

Morning glories stretch up the wall
Creeping over the moss and brick
Twisting and curling towards the sky
Showing their painted faces at dawn.

I stroll through the garden
Touching the rough shirt of the tree
Holding its arms for support
Grabbing the apple from its fingertips.

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