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The waves break, rhythmic  
Beating like a heart  
Accenting the gulls' dirge  
As they waver with the flow of air  
Inland

They try to bottle this smell infusing it into lotions and candles  
The dripping wax  
Immune to the radiant heat of sky and sand  
Its sweetened scent missing  
The aroma of seaweed and rotting horseshoe crabs  
This absence  
A tugging undertow  
A lure, barbs sunk deep  
Into a landlocked heart