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I’m a stranger to the ocean,
though perhaps a familiar one,
as with the girl in class
who I nod to outside in passing
without knowing her name

They are both attractive,
though only one will move first
if I stand here and wait for the tide
to change.

I see her often enough,
the ocean, that is,
to show me that she’s worth knowing better
and to attract me every time I smell
that distinctive scent.

So as I near her,
the ocean, that is,
I always hope that this time
we won’t stay separated
by this strange familiarity.