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Beckoner's Lament

My call, half nightingale, half howl,
is undecipherable to all birds and beasts.

I spread crumbs, lure anything
to fill this empty space.

My only empathy remains
for the barred owl,

her jagged call at noon.
My disdain for the sea grows—

its constant thunder
tumbles broken glass smooth.



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