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What is Still

The darkness of one rock
silhouetted to shadow
in the brilliance of the water—

From a shape on the rock
a steady eye,
an agate of alien light—

Away from the darkness of my reflection,
a painted turtle scrabbles
into ripples of gleaming invisibility—

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