

In the Sea

Clare Burson

bluegreen and dappled
spidery light
white wedding china
cut crystal glasses
a trunk of old linens
silver that's tarnished
at home in the sea
at home in the sea
at home in the sea
arrival uncertain
departure confirmed
unknown destination
lost in a letter
sent from behind
where the only return
at home in the sea
at home in the sea
did you send the piano
the tables and chairs
the lamp with the silk shade
we kept in the hallway
the books by my bedside
the family photos
i forgot to bring
i forgot to bring
at home
in the sea

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