

Swim Until You Can't See Land

Frightened Rabbit

We salute at the threshold
Of the North Sea in my mind
And a nod to the boredom that drove me here
To face the tide and swim
I swim, oh, swim

Dip the toe in the ocean
Oh, how it hardens and it numbs
And the rest of me is a version of man
Built to collapse into crumbs

And if I hadn't come down
To the coast to disappear
I may have died in a landslide
Of rocks and hopes and fears

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Up to my knees now
Do I wait? Do I dive?
The sea has seen my like before
Though it's my first and perhaps last time

Let's call me a Baptist
Call this the drowning of the past
She's there on the shoreline
Throwing stones at my back

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Now the water is taller than me
And the land is a marker line
All I am is a body
Adrift in water salt and sky

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