

Trash Returns to Being

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Trash returns to being
from detritus born on the waves
 buried in water
all those graceless forms
soles of shoes
 bags
 bandages
 tires
 bottle caps
 syringes
 cups
 condoms
 toothbrushes
 they all reconstitute from liquid q u i e s c e n c e
 p o l i s h e d by sand and decay
into b u r n i s h e d
 forms like stones
in a s l o w e b b

The bones of TRASH

litter

beach

like

seashells

like

our

own bones

lost outside our bodies

exteriorized

They are forsaken by

currents

and colonized by enterprising souls

minute crustaceans

recyclers of us

They s t r i n g o u t in front of me

all those f r a g m e n t s
gouged from existence

the ephemeral moment

in which they were of USE

and they bind me

my eyes
to the consumed lives of others

each the r e m

nant
of a moment

s
h
i
p
w
r
e
c
k
e

d

chronology

as f a r a s t h e e y e r e a c h e s

e n d l e s s

AT LEAST

up to the •

where the **smog** d i s s o l v e s

w a t e r s a n d t r a s h

i n t o i n d e t e r m i n a c y,

there they all become

g r a i n s
o f
w a t e r
a n d
s m o k e

s u s p e n d e d

as the memory of THINGS

l i v e s
e t c h e d
i n
w a t e r

s t r e w n

o n

s a n d s a n d s a n d s a n d