

Boarding the Iceberg

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I follow a bunch of chattering penguins
to the rending scrape of the widening gap
and then jump off the continent.

The iceberg wrenches free at last
and the penguin crew waddle above
to raise our flag of peace.

We have screeching skuas as lookouts
and whales and seals as escorts,
so we set off to find Australia;
it's somewhere over there
and twenty million years ago.