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## Lost at Sea: Midnight—0400 watch

Bridge-wing lookout—

calculating what time it is  
back home, what season of trees.

I stare down to the bow wake frothing  
phosphorescent algae & remember

sitting in church, lost  
in the Homily,  
staring at electric prayers  
tiered below St. Anthony's feet.

Both lights open the dark  
god in whom I drown.

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