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## Snappers

Heart-shaped house,  
bunker of self,  
raisin head welded  
to black lake rock  
below the waterline  
in sunglass glint,  
like gabbro stone  
or clinker ballast.

A night and sleeping cygnets,  
no more swan-boating,  
like Lohengrin, but tugged down  
to Hades like Virgil's navigator,  
Palinurus, the cost of adventure.

Next day, the reduced troop  
careers on, trolling blind waters,  
feathering the gentle arbitrary  
winds toward swan song  
and black shoals, sometimes  
surmounting shadows that  
must lie in wait.

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