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## ~Seals~

(Ode to Henry Abbey)

After agates In the dark I came upon Alone

Dead seals. In a raging wave
On one Mother and calf

A turkey vulture Launched

Pierced To their sunning beach A drinking hole Dark eyes peeled

For gulls Skinning and stench begun.

And crows

Their thirsty chiseling
Too

Mother,
Yon-there,

Turning inside Rib-caged-cathedral
Out Open to a grey
A bloody body drain Unsentimental sky

Suckling life. Stone steps from her skin

Feeding crabs.

No lingering

Terror For their mourning
That brought the seals I crossed and vexed:

To the cliffs

And broke them When is beast Remained And after Except Sand

In my imagination: Then shore-mortar

For the ages.

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