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Some days Hugh dreams of a window office,
finding a parking spot right away,
\$2 an hour raise

but others his thoughts are higher –
keeping a left kidney,
phone call from a daughter.

One night I saw him collecting shells,
another, pier fishing with no hook.
Fish & Game officer was writing a ticket

for casting without a license
until Hugh showed him, “I’m not fishing.
I’m dying.”