

Catharsis

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what would icarus have been
without the sea to embrace him?
if those golden entrails above
 dense, smoldering, suffocating
swallowed him whole
as if beneath those wax wings
was just a burden
waiting to be martyred by desire

what story would it have been
if there was no liberation to his tragedy?

now, where would i have been
if i had no sea to
catch my tributaries?
no sea to treat me as if every breath
spoke a thousand words
while the winds whisper in agreement
to catch all my fallen pieces
and stitch me whole again
from the inside out