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*Exercise*

Lake Michigan's  
not a photo op  
like lakes in Washington  
State. It's blunt and flat,  
a worker in a hard hat,  
and those who swim it  
become Midwestern,  
glossing over  
a depression so old  
no one saw it coming.  
The woman crawling  
to the breakwater drags  
a blow-up buoy:  
note swimmer,  
it signals tonelessly.  
The lake shifts  
its plain body,  
paying no mind  
to any of us.  
It is not the result  
of divine intelligence;  
a glacier had to move  
from A to B. Imagine  
that determination  
as beauty.

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