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THE SHORE

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Rising slowly from the reef,
our wave-bodies
swell mothers' wombs
to the crest of birth.

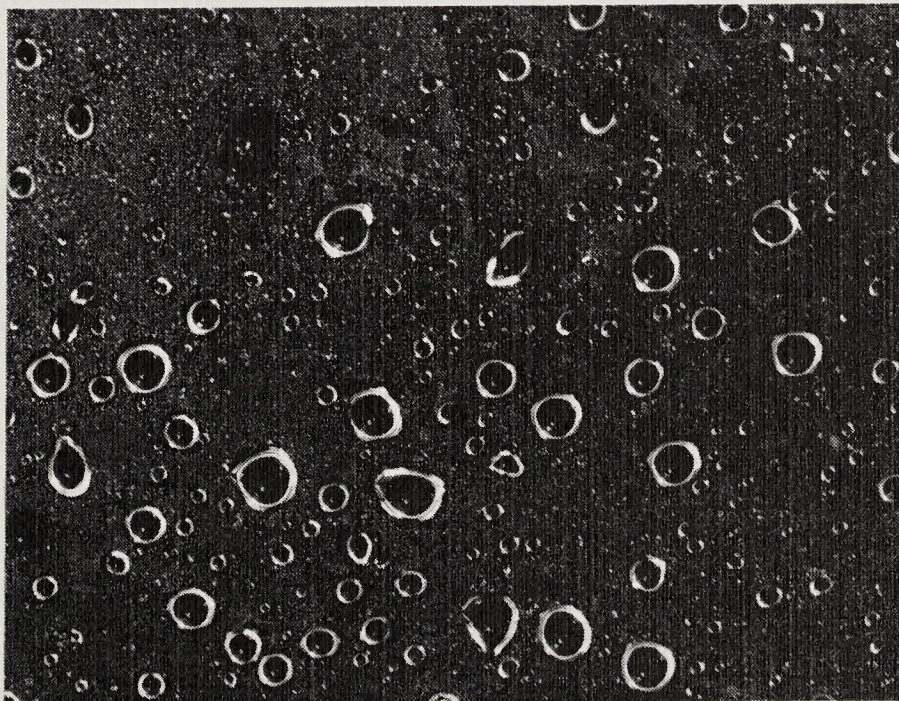
Furling,
blindly tossing the spume,
breaking to the world,
we seek the water-mark.

Ever-moving,
ever-shifting,
the sand denies a grip.

Foiled by its rootlessness,
we take our vengeance.

Sucking part of its substance in retreat,
We build to attack once more.

But never do we return to our last line,
and,
unevenly,
we leave our foamy bubbles on the wet sand.



Claude M. Riendeau Morning Dew