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# On Distance

*Mir Haynes*

Past the pealing sea I run  
to the distant lighthouse  
swirled iron sky, hovering

across the sand seaweed  
smell and stones  
for me to stride over

I chase a seagull  
feather tumbling past  
a man in a wide grey coat

turn around: The way home  
is lonely and ashen  
but I run there anyway