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# an applied study of *astronomos*

*dusk*

you return with cheekbones  
filed away by the wind.

as fresh, bird-boned jockey  
on a rib-wrought horse.

staring out of a seaside house,  
we wait for the moon  
while our skin turns to thin milk.

a curdled froth of wave  
is cradled in sea glass.

i clean your backbone  
with a barbed tongue.

*dawn*

there is dough in the kitchen sink  
doubled over, heaving.

you pat it the way you would a child,  
knead it the way you would my hands.

i watch the sky unfurl as liquid amber,  
each cloud a held breath,  
a measure of its weight.

the branches of the maple cast  
strands of copper wire across our yard.

i am left standing at the door unmoored,  
set free to wild in the even hours.