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CHATEAU D'IF

At first there is nothing but rock
and sunlight piercing the water.

Then the sleek, beautiful boys
diving and warming themselves

on the rocks just below me.
A faint breath of stones

rises from the core of the island.

I grow luminous in this naked light
and my white dress falls away.

I remember the imprint
their bodies left,

birds circling the stubborn tower,
and the slow lapping of water.