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## Sinking Ships

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## Katie Van Winkle Sinking Ships

The year compressed into only a fleeting moment Eagerly obeying the sermons our hearts preached While carefully dodging the objections that echoed through our minds We prayed simply our obedience would reap longevity And we shook with refusal as the negotiations began to cripple How silly to think that we could rise without converging That we could save the body with the soul When we told our love how big our problems were Instead of telling our problems how big our love was. Yet, still, I stand unmoved But shaking with refusal Curling up with the last seconds of a precious fleeting moment Losing the battle I thought we only needed love to win.