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Above darkening roots
her warm, vermilion hair
willows over her bare arms,
recrossed and restless,
her hair an autumn of one color,
vermilion, wakened in shook trees,
wind-tossed, as one imagines
a distant place
where madness did unleash itself
and lapped up arteries of light
that spilled among the rattled leaves.

Here lovers unlock
and brush the secrets of the ear.
Here boys parade the beach.
She does not budge.
She weeps as if weeping for hours
into a great glass, a mirror
far beyond her powers to court.
The waves that rise and glint
on the riffled air leave behind
the deepest pulse of the sea.