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The coast road

The coast road
where seagulls dip
and surfers wait
inky shapes on bobbing jade

where day and dusk
shake hands
and the sun lies down
upon a strip of sea

where runners skirt
the boardwalk in rhythmic
meditation

and cars scuttle
home hearth-hooked
and hypnotised

where distant ships
paint horizon toys

*and the jade darkens
and the strip of sun
dissolves*

where the sky opens up its
colour box and smears
itself in oranges and reds

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and the surfers bob

and the waves are teal

and the hush of dusk

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its finger on its lip.