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The air above the bay burns opal
In stratas , gold to grey to purple .
The sun winds bands of steam about her
Like cloaks of scissored gauze

While the land is born beneath her
In the throb and push of engines
From the bruised skin of the water
And the torched and flaming mists .

Shadow reaching , and the land upreaching
Serenely whole and sudden , a gentle grassy palm .
Floating downwards towards it , wings
Outstretched , owl-feather , all sound ,
All thought suspended , subsiding into calm .