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by George Young

What Darwin taught us—the bloody strife
of saber-tooth against bear,

giant lizard done in by egg-stealing mammal,
mammoth frozen in the ice,

crafty Cro-Magnon killing off Neanderthal—
is true, yes, but there is something else

in nature to decipher as we stand together
on this high cliff, love, looking out

at the orange message above the sea.
Aboard a crimson cloud-ship sailing across

the sky, is that a star or a signal flare?
And below, dark waves turn like the pages

of a book for us to read as raucous
California gulls write wild words in the air.