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iron out this poem  
for sleep and penetration.

star print of night  
shines on cropped waves  
& depth charge  
of a wounded waterway.  
we bleed &  
take in the chant.

in laughter, rosebud  
is primed as  
ruddy cheeks are  
about to bleat.

in flight of  
dark days scratched  
into a fine paleness,  
the sea gives in  
to the dark mouth  
of a river.