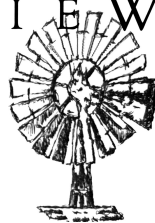


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# SWEPT AWAY

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He'd come to her in  
the middle of her life.  
He begs her to stay  
with him, live with him,  
marry.

Waves toss boats  
beyond Proposal Rock.  
Gazing in the distant  
dark, she weaves stories,  
excursions they will  
make, takes in her lower lip,  
releases it

a rogue wave crests  
the rock. He turns into  
it resisting its pull. She  
bends away from him  
receding with the wave.  
Her short black hair stands  
out against the froth; her sallow  
face breathing through the fog.