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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.