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by Taylor Graham

I used to be a pebble
but now I'm the frigate-
bird weaving wide wings
with sky.

I used to perfect my form
by round rolling in
the sanding and polishing
of tide

but now I search the wind
to trim my feathers
and teach the silver fish
to dive.

I used to be old as
earth-bones but now I hold
quick-dead in the hollow
of my eye.



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