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A poem by Kevan Kenneth Bowkett

A gem of the deep ocean:

Aswim in the glowing sapphire of the sea,
Shining,

Throwing back sunbeams, glittering spray rainbows.

The warm blue of the tropic waters mantles her

As with dolphins she dances and laughs.

But in the cobalt twilight beneath,

Or the starless unbreathing depths:

What wisdom abides there, beyond song and sun,

Waiting in the liquid night?

Or,

surfacing,

Gazes out of grey eyes through the grey curtains

As the rain falls home to the sea?