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by Lea Killian

Words lift from pages
like black birds flying
into cloudless skies.
They pepper my skin

in a forest
of freckles and scars.
I am a pearl sea,
and words sink

into me like shipwrecks.
Translucent,
I watch them float
to the ocean floor,

but they get caught
in the current of my veins.
They reshape me,
and I find that I am many things.

I am graceless, cradling the history
of land, sky, wind, and sea.