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Our hearts beat,  
Voices change,  
But would we know the passage of time without a line in the sand?

We live within a world that can't contain us.  
A fleeting time and place,  
A fleeting life.

As the seconds drip between our fingertips,  
We try to prevent the particles of what we once were  
    from disappearing into the sand.  
Reason replaces intent,  
And logic sits heavy on our chests.

Our efforts have preceded us,  
Quantifying failure  
And rattling off lost time.

Yesterday is now a distant past,  
And today, a replacement.