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Water

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Standing at the edge of the ocean
Looking towards the deceptively clear blue water
Waves rapidly crashing over and engulfing each other
Onto the sandy shore
Pulling back into the blue envelope
The water's rhythmic yet irregular motion is hypnotic
Beckoning me to walk in
The first step is hesitant,
Full of doubt and insecurity
The next few steps are tinged with excitement,
Thinking of the possibilities and glory
Soon the water is up to my neck
Fear has crept in as the water beats against my chest
Resilience sets in and fades
The water level is right below my lower lip
Fear has returned with doubt and insecurity
And a tinge of regret
Finally deciding to drop the anchors of fear and romantic notions
I take a deep breath
Jump into the water, swimming with the currents
Becoming part of the water
Flowing with it towards the edge of the earth,
Joining in with the horizon