

**Such a fortunate sea—**

to be admired by human kind  
for such implacable desolation,  
to have collared the hearts  
of so many young lovers and hushed  
the culled chimera of countless dreamers;

to be forgiven for the premature harbor  
of bulwarked young tots  
plucked from troubled skies,  
now viands in inky blue swells, while I

can not plumb young hearts  
or scupper lofted dreams,  
and few treasure the bathyal extents  
of this unfleshed self.

"They were sent to Heaven, from the sea and sky."  
—Swissair Flight 111 memorial stone at Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

—*Michael Pracht*