

Oceans are Like Me

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Oceans are like me  
Twisting and pulling inside of me but  
They never gently ebb and lull me to sleep.  
To simply reach their depths  
You'll  
Dive fully—  
But not without effort...find me.

Oceans are like me  
Swim deep and be  
Mesmerized by the mysteries (;) you seek  
What you didn't know you might need  
And then once you find  
The only thing that's ever troubled to change your mind,  
You crave air, familiar reality and you  
Come up, gasping, searching for the shoreline

As I have set you free and I  
present you like the tides,  
And, with this,  
The light of the great night's orb in the  
Sky pulling you—consoling you—  
You are no longer mine.