

Before it became land

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The calls of geese departing
Ripple currents as they reach
Beyond land's end, sky-etched echoes
Sever sparkled tides,
Lap against stones,
Eddy blunt edges

Beneath the waterline.
Water relentless and determined
A teeming city by another name,
Sighs in blowing rain.
Mirrored sky above
Seems to signal absence

Of everything, a vantage point
From which to see and understand
A home for sea before sea
Begins, like a mountain might be
Land before land becomes itself.
Church bells muffled in twilight,

Trees hold almost still like horses
Sleeping upright. Man can't trust
This darkness of a river, its
Unpredictability
As if water, like the Earth, is just
Another space to fill with his infirmity.



About Ian

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