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CONDORS ABOVE WATER

for Sid and Alvaro

Totalitarian

the sea curls upon itself

Green scimitars loom up high

A horde cuts its way

toward shore

Condors in black formation

cruise above the heaving graveyard of fish  
fuselages reflecting

a scaly light

Their wings do not move

My skin stares at the waters

Sunlight stirs the mist

A flower

begins

beyond the foam

I must watch in whispers

until the birds return

the herons pelicans and gulls

and I can trust my bones again