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Seascape

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Hibiscus pale
Pink in the swale
Swart meadowmarsh
Before the sea,
This sink of rank
Salt-wiry grass
Matted tawney,
Fringe the spit
Tanged by a northwind
Over it;
Cluttered wrack
And slotted whorl
Of cockle shell
In limpid light

High sea lashing
A buoy bell

O wish us well
O wish us well

Who ship the tides
Beyond that knell,
Beyond the sight
Of buoy light,

Of any light

Beyond landswell
Beyond the sail
Penned in well
Penned by gale
To the port of pale

Hibiscus.