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the herring wove filigrees,
sparkled the loom of the bay,
fluent in the ambulant
warp and weft.

their flash outraced
halberds of rain,
lent the fragile moon
escutcheons of silver.

fountains of fins branched,
sagging anxious nets.
stoked wealth
with magnanimity.

madcap with fear,
they spilled from boats
in raucous waves,
foams of tremble,

and the knives gnawed
and the machines drank
and the industry of the feast
clanked on.