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The Land Mark, Circa 1930
in memory of George F. Beal

In a pea soup fog
without sight and sound
of Mistake Island light
with the hold full
of mostly cod

he set his course for
the Lighthouse Channel
and read the waves and wind
as he ran in
from Grand Manan Bank
with the fog so thick
it distorted the senses

but with faith
and a sense of self
he finally saw
the hole in the rock
on the southern shore
of the red granite ledges
of Steele Harbor Island
and knew he was where

he meant to be.