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The tide's little waves
like lines of script rush by us,
too small or faraway to read

like ghosts of all the letters
we used to write and now
from them cannot recall

a single thread or story,
the ones we wrote by flashlight
beneath a billowy sheet

or in the sinewy shade of a maple
or from a simple wooden desk
one mothy night at camp.

So much back then
of taking the self by the hand
to a place that was mostly quiet

so we could put our ear to its wall
and listen, pen in hand.