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Oakum, cork, decking, netting, rope.
Docks, piers, planking, boards, rails,
And sails.

Turquoise *Marge*, yellow *Betsy Ann*,
Rust-bottomed trawlers, and some
Nameless scruff.

He's drunk and cursing a captain,
On the otherwise quiet
Bus.

Down by the piers he
Squeezes a gull in each
Battered hand.

Flat calms and wild seas
Sunlint, rainpelt, long trails
Of moonlight.