

## **Manzanita Sunset**

I wanted to capture you  
bind you in pixels on the miniature screen  
to recall your calmness in times of chaos

I hurried to the ocean's lip  
to snare you before you slipped away into the dark

I didn't notice dogs had ceased chasing sand-laden toys  
& gulls silenced squawking out their incessant needs

My dead phone jarred me  
into reverence of the moment

I saw with clear eyes  
inhaled salt air, relished it on my lips  
& soothed by gentle waves lullabying the shore  
gained clarity in your cloudless sky  
connected to my own fire  
as your red silhouette faded into the next realm

behind me the full moon smiled

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