

An underwater photograph of a sea slug, likely a nudibranch, with vibrant colors of red, orange, and purple. The slug is surrounded by bubbles and is set against a background of clear, rippling water. The lighting is bright, creating a shimmering effect on the water's surface.

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THE YEAR
THE SEA
CARRIED HER
THE SEA
CARRIED
HER

Warblers and the flashing brilliance of.
Language pushed along a current of memory.
In the absence of memory, language insinuates itself.
Marthe Reed, *(em)bodied bliss*

“Lat nat this wrechched wo thyn herte gnawe.”
Chaucer’s *Troilus and Criseyde*, 1374.

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

the sea carried her lulled her
in the days and months passing and then the years
the years of repeat before words the year the sea
and sun willed her strange carriage
adrift and reeling recollected this time was mute as flow state
as all else was water and other when the summer green grass first
collided with wind in its soft gray hush this is all she knew
of the time before before she first heard its sound or roar or
knew its true name after first becoming and knowing then
who she was a varied state of trajectory an altered course since
the first meeting the sea and she so young
but the sea always knew her and would become her again and
through as her then had shifted into a very different state of self
reset again into unending restless waves held into renewed lapsing

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER was the year
the sea first carried her was
the year she least felt its carry
its swell felted weights about her feet
she was young and she was could now head into the waves
alone when the air was heavy
with pressed speech weighted her down
around her a bag of serrated shells
collected pressing and
pushing inward
into a sharp twisted brackish
scraping sandy relief

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

first her body went numb with cold
a seacold release into a summer so hot
and dripping and stunted in contrast when she left
the water and stepped to the tide-line
she was already dry and felt
the pressing inward again apart
from her hair eyes stinging
salt water stained skin dry
by the time collapsed into her faded
towel she dug in again deeper into the sand
making hollows to envelop her waiting to be called
and called back

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER

in the year the sea first carried her
into the dredges and sandbars
reached out and tumbled her
into its arms held her
in contrast and distinct relief
as enviable wet-wet relief
inevitable until

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR

THE SEA

CARRIED HER

stirred and

stirred

her flesh toward

awake

a first

swirling

down

and down

then up wrested

but unknown

renaissance

of repeat

among

sea stars

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER as she soared above her self
body among waves with only a gentle tether
her body felt removed and separate
as sand accumulated in the crotch of her suit and pressed and
pressed her down and down though she did not think about
any of this at the time she simply was
a girl might fall down and down down drowning into
the furred-hole of repeat of a sea swirling
turning up mucky and murky sand forced up
and up and as quickly pounding down again
into the salt dredge light and then into darkness

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

this was the year she first saw the
sea as a larger being something greater
than herself and a part from her
self felt its calm release when she
stopped beating and beating back
and back against it her histories or given
narratives and timeline though minor
after the waves after she gave in again
when she was just a girl at last

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER fixed again and
again and freed released from this
moment at last when the white-haired
old woman scooped her up by the back-straps
of her suit and pulled her back from
that glistening beyond and set her down
again swiftly until she was steady
the girl looked to shore confused and then back
again though she was gone the woman with the
white-haired ponytail and one-piece floral suit
had disappeared into the surf

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED the sea
strained her the sea choked her it stained her
salt-water coughed up and up from her
lungs and nose and the roar was
still in her with her the crashing
was all around she looked to
the shore and then again
toward the silver haired woman in the
black and floral one-piece who had been right there was now gone
and she frantically looked around and back and
back into the waves behind her which crumpled her
again but now she was closer to to the shore and struggled
to get there and continued coughing until she was
hoarse and sick with salt and mixed dread
and that newness of what it is to be shored

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

*THE SEA
CARRIED HER*

when and it was then

that she first understood

what was always there

was never really

hers

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

and carried with her the why the
why didn't she beat the waves
harder? instead of swallowing the
briny water after it hammered
down and down upon her small
shell and why had she allowed
the cool rage to enter her?
instead of going further and
further down and instead of the
cool release of what she seemingly
wanted pulled back and back
down as she was lifted

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER

lifted from all else and
somehow absolved from that
inward pressing if only for that
singular moment
the salt had carried her
kept her afloat as
she rose up from
endless wave on
wave assault

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

in that familiar blue-blue

drink floated in her for weeks

months what seemed years

succumbed for an eternity or two

a year or just days or many days

and their succession and years

repeat wholed her up again

in a new form

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER but never
felt like enough because
it never feels like enough as things
never do feel like enough until far-off
hindsight or retelling which is more of a
assuaged phenomena versus
concrete but the living story is also important
the story that soothes and so this is a later
feeling that is also unknowingly false or were
things were once enough
that are no longer?

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

was a spacious nothing as sound
carried waves when
waves were metaphors
or parables or couched frets
or slattered recurrent kisses
lit spaces of another time
she would always imagine
or cull up as it might have been or
could possibly be hers or least
within her years her yet
everything different and other
and somehow this new familiar
she would learn to hold inward
like breath often constant
and knowing which shifts a
division of what had occurred

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER among
seabones while boats flew midair
sailing overhead while fishers
with maidens would ride saddled
fat fish phantoms carry torches
small bits of light
illuminating
the sea-same
sky

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

she was a girl when she first
felt the tug of the sea her eyes were
blue and common or flat
blue-gray shells endless
stones of light streaming
like god or energy or whatever
she might have once understood as holy
the sun its pointed light bright and pounding
waves dense her eyes sometimes
blue lines of repeat sometimes grey
changing color of the sea around her when
the rage of swells first spoke
reflected from her eyelets
open windows of light collecting

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA
CARRIED HER

carried her

as desire

always

as desire

is always

and all ways

always

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

everything waved what came before in repeat

would inevitably come again

this was the comfort if not rationality

of rhw repeat her toes in the sand

the dipped groove

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

the sea
carried her
every swell
her
lulling
the sea
held her
carried her
every year
as every
fear held
her every
sea thus
carried
her held
the sea
carried her
every swell
held her
or every sea carried her
every day. ever year
without her knowing
every fear every
sea thus
settled her
held and held her
a constant rocking
every sea thus lulling her

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER AT FIRST LIGHTLY
SO HUSH SO SO HUSHED AND LACED OVER HER LIMBS
CALMED HER IN ITS LATCHED SWELL CAME
AS AN ABSTRACT REPEAT AS A SORT OF KNOWING SOME
HOW CELLULAR NOTION WHICH CARRIED ITSELF OUT AND IN
AND OUT AGAIN IN ITS ROAR A TIDAL REPEAT ON FOR
YEARS AS IT EBBED IN AND OUT AND THEN OUT AND IN
AND FIRST CLAIMED HER CARRIED HER GENTLY THEN
FASTER AND FURTHER AS IT BECAME HER THUS
AND SO SHE WAS NOW A PART OF IT AND IT
FAILED HER IT FAILED HER WITH SUCH FURY
OVER AND OVER SHE THUS THEN SHE AMID A SEA
A SEA SO FURIOUS IN ITS REPEAT IN ITS AWESOME SWELL
IN ITS CARRIAGE AS IT CARED AND CARRIED HER FROM
YEAR TO YEAR AND COAST TO COAST ALWAYS BACK AGAIN
WITHOUT WARNING EACH YEAR SOLID AND ANEW
WEIGHTED AS IT WAS NEW TO HER IT WAS EVEN WILDER
AND MORE SEPARATE THAN ONE MIGHT EVER IMAGINE
AND SWEET YET SIMILARLY FOLDED WHEN IT FLOWERED AND
OPENED UP TO HER AT LAST AND LATER PULLED HER IN AS
THE VAST SEA THUS SALT AND BRINE AND WEED ENTANGLED

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER HER HER SEA CARRIED CALMED
HER KNOTTED HER HAIR IN ITS THUS THUS STATE IN THIS THE SEA
STAINED HER YEAR IT ENTWINED ENTANGLED
HER AS IT GALLOPED IT WAVED IT GUFFAWED IT ROARED IT
SWAYED AS IT FAWNED OVER HER AND AS IT FURLED HER IN
AND THEN BACK BACK INTO THE YEAR TO YEAR AND COAST
TO COAST BACK AGAIN ROCKS OR TIDELINE OR RIVER'S EDGE
BECKONED HER THEN RECEIVED HER AND THREW
HER BACK AND BACK BACK FASTER AND FURTHER SURGING
INTO THIS SEA PAST THE STONE POTS AND KETTLES LITTERED
UPON THE SHORE SLICK WITH MOSS MEAD THE SEA HER SEA
FORCED HER FIRST FAMILIAR THAT AGAINST THE SUN THE YEAR
SHE FIRST KNEW THE SEA THAT CAME AFTER HER THE YEAR LAT-
TER SHE WOULD KNOW THAT THE SEA HAD ALWAYS CARRIED HER
THE WET WET SEA HELD HER OVER AND THROUGH HER WHOLE
SUIT DRANK IT AS IT TANGLED HER HAIR ITS STRANGE ANEMONES
TENTACLES AND SLICK GREENY WEEDS THAT HELD HER ITS
PRICKLY MISSTEP SPURS OF BECOMING AS SHE THE SAME SEA AS
IT CARRIED HER OUT OUT OUT AGAIN BY THE SEA SHE IN THE
AND IN THE AND WITH THE SEA AND SEE THE WITH SEA AS
IT WAS THUS THE SAME SEA THEN THE SAME SEA THUS AS THE

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER THE YEAR THE SEA
CARRIED AND CARRIED HER FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT
BORE HER AGAIN AND AGAIN AS IT GROOMED HER IT STAVED
HER CHAFED HER INNER THIGHS BACK INTO RAW TIDE SPIT
HER BACK OUT INTO A JETTISON OF PEBBLES AND FLOTSAM
WEED REPEAT SPIT HER BACK WITH SEASCUM UNTIL THE
NEXT AND NEXT AND NEXT REPEAT THE DAYS THE YEARS AND
THE WAVES ABYSS WHICH FIRST DREW HER AND DAZZLED
HER TOWARD ITS GLINT AND SILVERED AND SLIVERED SHIMMER
WITH HER IN THE SEA PROWESS THUS PROVED SOLID THAT
SEA THAT CHARMED HER SWAYED HER LULLED HER OUT
AND OUT AS IT FORBADE HER FASTER AND FURTHER SURGING
INTO THIS SEA PAST THE STONE POTS AND KETTLES LITTERED
UPON THE SHORE SLICK MOSS MEAD THE SEA

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER SHE BECAME ENTWINED AND GREW IN
RIFTS AS IT MUST NOT AS ONE IS SHOWN BUT IN FEELING IN ITS
COASTAL CARRIAGE CARRIED CARESSED AND
CAJOLED HER IN AND IN FURTHER IN YEAR BY YEAR
THE SEA OR THE SEA SO SOMULENT CARRIED HER THE SEA CAR-
RIED HER WITHOUT WARNING THE YEAR SOLID AND WEIGHTED AS
IT WAS NEW TO HER IT WAS EVEN WILDER AND
MORE SEPARATE THAN ONE MIGHT EVER IMAGINE AND SWEET
YET SIMILAR AND FOLDED WHEN IT OPENED UP TO HER AT LAST
AND LATER PULLED HER IN AS THE SEA CARRIED HER THE VAST
SEA THUS SALT AND BRINE AND WEED ENTANGLED HER HER SEA
CARRIED CALMED HER KNOTTED HER HAIR
IN ITS THUS THUS STATE IN THIS THE SEA STAINED HER
YEAR AFTER YEAR IT ENTWINED AND ENTANGLED HER AS IT
GALLOPED IT WAVED IT GUFFAWED IT ROARED IT SWAYED AS IT
FAWNED OVER HER AND AS IT FURLED HER IN AND THEN BACK
BACK ONTO THE ROCKS OR TIDELINE OR RIVER'S EDGE BECK-
ONED HER THEN RECEIVED HER AND THREW HER BACK AND BACK
BACK FASTER AND FURTHER SURGING INTO THIS SEA PAST THE
STONE POTS THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER AGAIN ASHORE
DERELICT AWASH ANEW ITS SADDLE WET WITH FURY

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER SLICK AND SEAD-
RUNK THE SEA HER SEA FORCED HER FIRST FAMILIAR
THAT AGAINST THE SUN THE YEAR SHE FIRST KNEW
THE SEA THAT CAME AFTER HER THE YEAR LATER SHE
WOULD KNOW THAT THE SEA THE YEAR THE SEA CAR-
RIED HER ANDHAD ALWAYS CARRIED HER THE WET WET
SEA HELD HER OVER AND THROUGH HER WHOLE SUIT
DRANK IT AS IT TANGLED HER HAIR A WHOLE KNOWING
WITHIN ITS STRANGE ANEMONES AND SLICK GREENY
WEEDS THAT HELD HER ITS PRICKLY MISSTEP SPURS OF
BECOMING AS SHE BECAME AND GREW IN IT IN RIFTS
AS ONE MUST DO NOT AS ONE IS SHOWN BUT IN ITS
CARRIAGE CARRIED CARESSED AND CAJOLED HER IN
IN FURTHER IN YEAR BY YEAR THE SEA OR THE SEA
SO SOMULENT CARRIED HER FLOATED HER ON ITS
BACK INTO THE DRIFTS AND DEBTS AND DEPTHS AND
DEATHS OF SPECKLED WEED AND SHE SOMETIMES
WAVED TO THE SHORE OR EVEN TO FURTHER OUT-
SPECKS OF LAND THAT WERE MOSTLY IMAGINED AS THE
GREAT EXPANSE WAS MORE OFTEN BLUE THAN NOT

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER AND DOTTED THE HORIZON
AND SAME SEA WITH VISIONS OF SELF AND
SHORE AND SEAWALL LITTERED
WITH TOURISTS WHO PEOPLED THEMSELVES ALL OVER
HER SUN-BAKED SHORE RUINED WITH THEIR BODIES AND
RUINED HER WITH THEIR GARBAGE LEFT NEAR THEIR SHAPES
LEFT IN THE SAND RUINED HER WITH A MOLLUSKY
CAROUSAL WITHIN HER IN THE WAVES OF
FIRST KNOWING IN THE SEA-RENTS LIVED
THUS CARRIED HER HELD HER AFFIXED
THE SEA CARRIED HER IN ITS LULL STATE IN
ITS THICK HAZE ITS DEFT GAZE THE SEA HELD
HER INJURED LIMP SELF WITH UNKEMPT HAIR
FLOATED HER IN A BED OF SALT AND WEPT
THE SEA WEPT FULLY THEN AND HEALED HER
THE YEAR SHE FIRST CAME UNTO KNOWING
THE SEA CARRIED HER SEATHUS CARRIED
HER STAGED AND STAINED HER CHAFFED AND
STRAINED FORM THIS WAS THE YEAR THE SEA
BECAME STILL AND FORMED HER
HER IRREVERANT WANT IN WAVES

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE YEAR THE SEA
CARRIED HER

a choncology in waves
mastered in its full lull state
its strained strange and
stained *repeat repeat*

HERSEAS
PERSEA a green green sea
a drug cartel is moving the
sea sea sea sea sea sea
sea sea sea sea sea sea
sea sea sea sea sea sand
sea sea sea sea sea waves
sea sea sea

BEREAVED SEAS
USA USES OCEAN AS
DUMP cartel strangles
the sea sea sea ships
garbage to Indonesia to be
burnt as fuel by fum makers
only to creat toxic
chemicals contaminating
food and more over the
deepest point in the sea in
the Pacific is littered with
candy wrappers and plastic
bags sea shells and weird
fish sea sea sea anemone
sea sea sea sea sea sea
sea sea sea sea sea sea
sea sea sea sea sea shells
are changing we now see
blanched
the sea is deep
but the ocean
is deeper

sea shells are changing
now see blanched
GREAT SALT POND
NEW HARBOR are changing
we now see blanched
shells sees a sea sea sea
outstretched sea sea sea
a sea sea sea an end a

She seethes
disasters into

Seas eases
another wor(l)d

of oceans & sea

& sand & star torn

nights of sea-lit

ASTERS illuminating

her bereaved seas

nautic strandlings

disaster disease &

ceasing to be seas

on SEAS & oceans

singing SEALING

herself seawidth

PERSEUS presses

sea seawend
seaweed of gulls
just gulls no sea
just ocean or
ocean gulls

OVER FISHED
SEAS

SEA ODE

sea sea absentia
sea sea

C

E
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OBSCURA
SANS
STEWARDS

sea sea sea
sea sea sea
sea glass wreck
sea

seeing
SEASHORES
seething

sea sea sea sea
sea things sea
sand sea sea

discordant
disconnected
stranded seals
sea things

sea sea sea
sea

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

the sea THE SEA CARRIED HER
carried her
as desire
does sea
always
as carried
as desire
always deals
retreat or
every
repeat
and year
every
and
fear
held
her
her
fear
held
her
fear
held
her
the sea
married
her
gathered
her
every
year
and
every
fear
the
sea
carried
her
every
year
sea
erotic
writ
plain
sea swell
sea
erratic
with
sea
dishwater
chapped
waves
or, every
swell held
her
and every
sea
carried her
every day
ever year
without her
knowing
as every
fear every
seathus
held and
held her a
constant
rocking
every
each
sea
carried
her
her every
year
held
every
fear
seaheld
the
sea
carried
her
year
toward
the next
every
fear
held
her
many
SEA
STATIC
SEA
ERRATIC
SEA
SQUALLS
STASIS
SEASHORE
CENSURE
SEISURE
CAESURA
REDUX

THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE
YEAR
THE
SEA
CARRIED

HER
it
carried
her
in
repeat
the
sea
carried
itself
fully
every
year
and
every
she
many
the
sea
carried
as
her
wanton
desire
her
years

THE YEAR THE SEA CARRIED HER

THE SEA CARRIED HER

incarnate
naught
at sixes
sevens flummoxed
bamboozled
disoriented
mystified
a loss
at sea
salty and
briny
pelagic
seagoing
ocean-going
saltwater
marine
a great number
and vast
assemblage of
concourses
provocateurs
of profusion
a plethora
a mass
or main
a deep drink and salt
and salt salt
waves and waves
the deep blue
blue drink
by way of
the heart of
our vast and
edible sea

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