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## Edna, Sleeping at Grand Isle

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What else could she be but body  
parts laid out, naked, on white  
sheets that swallow her?

The sea-mouth dampened by sweat,  
I would part only those lips  
to save her. With the single touch of my finger-

tip to that soft sea the salt would gather  
into a solid mass. How many creatures,  
us included, would come to lick it down

when awakened? Her body breaks into water  
only to dry into the winding sheeted-sea.