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she found the shell in the sand
plucked it and held it high
it gleamed silver, then pink,
then silver again
she took it home/
during the night, the shell grew big
so big that she could crawl inside
she glowed silver, then pink,
then silver again
she nodded and stayed/
wearing her shell there on the sand
just like a crab or snail
glistening pink inside,
then silver outside
she pulled further in/
when at last the shell broke
she lay glimmering on the sand
first silver, then pink,
then silver again
then nothing at all/
she washed out to sea