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– Gerald Ryan

On the deck you hold
her hand as you dream
quiet playful dreams.
A strange creak, the world tilts
Metal kisses forehead.

Liquid silence envelops
in a new blue womb.
Distorted yellow gleams
through an unexpected ceiling.
An outlined hull is a dark silhouette.

Awake in this new world,
Enshrouded in cool surprise.
Light diminishes.
Seek the depths in
Unwilling motion.

You remember the child's balloon
Bought at the county fair,
Strained, grown too full, then
Bursting like lungs' stale prisoners
Screaming to be free.

A moment's relief.
Bubbles dance before dimming eyes.
Gulp cold death
And greet him
As he welcomes you
to his watery home ...