Once upon a time recently in...a land nearby

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Lipservice
By Anthony Opal

Let's just be quiet for a while
and lay here on the beach
letting the water wash up onto our feet.
Trusting the waves won't hate us if we don't talk about them the whole time
as they tickle our toes.
Seriously, I don't want to discuss the molecular structure of H2O.

I just want to lie here on my
back, with you, trusting the ocean will not cease to be the ocean
the moment we shut
our mouths
and love it deeply.

Lightning Rods
By Wilda Morris

The first lightning rod
at the first university
in Europe was installed
at Bologna by physicist
Laura Bassi, herself
a lightning rod
for those not willing
to abandon a Cartesian
view of the natural world
or accept a woman
as full professor
and Benedictina to advise
and educate the Pope.