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Compelled Mysteriously

I am led by something felt
on the wind, something unseen in the stars.
Silver jewels hang so close they almost
drop in my boat – yet they
remain out of reach.

Why do I row toward Hawaii?
I am driven by secrets
in the salt breeze, mysteries
glinting on the waves.

My grandfather never came to Kauai
yet his wandering ways
run deep in my blood. Like him
I sail west toward the golden sunset
coming closer to a far-away dream.

Ahead looms the volcanic mountain
where Goddess Pele of fire and passion
lives in her burning home.
I stare until I become
part of the mist-entrapped mountain.

Something pulls me...
something written on the wind,
something moving
under the silk scrolls of the ocean.

Mardelle Fortier

