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Selkies, Shells

Our bodies, Ourselves, Boston Women's Health Book Collective 1970

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I wave to the selkies sunning
Themselves on ocean rocks
Smooth sleek grey
Their bodies now seal
Now woman — their own

I pocket the empty shell
That I find on the beach
Running my finger inside
Smooth grey space
Inhabited by — no one