dank abecedarian

belly of a whale squid-beak-saturated-swirl

concretion rancid pearl expelled into the ocean thru

defecation or death by gut theatrics

even the stars wonder out loud wtf is that

for just like us stars barely know whales their ribs terrors open maws glossed from living strata into taxonomy's

humiliating flatness sperm whales are named after the ooze in their heads used in candles & creams & cloth icecream-scooped from the

> junk a whale organ that focuses sound like a lens keeps the ocean's paths glowing with call & echo &

listen heads are for dreams not excavation bodies are monuments in motion

not money machines but industry milks the

ocean into mastitis

perfume distils the

question of a body into bottles the ocean darkens in diminuendo

remember when orcas revived an 80s trend of wearing dead

salmon hats remember kiska & gladis & tahlequah &

tilikum remember the orca uprising rising up like the ocean underwater glows

vivid with

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whalesong ancient

xhales of

yearning from a time before cities & seismic blasts & plastic &

zoos &

alphabets

*'their ribs, terrors, opening maws' references Herman Melville's poem 'The ribs and terrors in the whale'.