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                **he folds himself**
  \  over and under /
                                    / through
     \ the hunger that once
     carried him like a boat
               across red waters \

    (he steps off)

         (stops)

        (stays)
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the body still speaks
in the same voice—
rusted, dragging vowels
like wet rope
over a deck that
will never be sailed again.

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a bed unmade for forty years
and a silence
that does not answer back.