Frozen

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Tumbled in with all these sharks
Swimming in the bathtub, I can’t hear you anymore

The World Fades Away
in the distance
I hear nothing
but breathing
We are Frozen
For a millionth of a second

The heart’s reasons seen clearly
Even the hardest will carry
its whip-marks and sadness
and must be forgiven

All disappear into thin air

We are silent within the water
it coaxes us
it whispers
“I want you to walk the plank
and push me over.
Like a severed anchor,
I want to sink.”

All your muscles unclench
Everything fades
You succumb to the water
you give it an inch
We are one with the water
nothing matters.
Or if it did
you don’t remember why
You stay there
    Under the water
    it feels like forever

Take a deep breath
    bring your head to surface
    And the world begins again
    (as it turns out forever really wasn’t that long under water)