

Lifeline

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She sits on the California beach edge
as words pour from her pursed lips:
musings of lost lovers,
decisions gone wrong,
and decisions gone right.

She wonders about
her life's next chapter,
who will care for her,
who will lay down the picnic blanket
that she needs for respite.

Nostalgia grasps her monkey mind
when she suddenly touches
lifelines from lost lovers and people
who also sit on distant beaches
gasping to be noticed

and wanting to be saved
as they watch the world dissipate
before their eyes,
as sunken ships emerge
from lost generations,
and she's still unable to hold on to one thought
as waves crash and dissipate into the shore.