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Beyond the window is a shore.

On the shore is a large rock where the sirens perch.

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For them, history and prophecy are equals.

We walk down slowly and quietly to the rock, but our steps sound a fluttering of wings and much splashing.

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The smell of flesh is thoroughly washed out by the sea.

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The rock lingers.

It is dark gray with black and green stripes.

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Perfect to sit on.

We study it every day.

We touch and observe the sharp parts, the porous parts, and the soft parts covered with carpets of sea moss.

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The waves carry the siren song and we put our ears to the rock to listen.

The sun dries the rock to reveal a lighter register of color.

The bottom of the rock is underwater. Patient things dwell there who take time with the rock and treat it with gentleness.

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Sea vegetables, urchins and grasses. Fishes pick at them.

Crabs look out of the cracks where the water and air meet.

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The sea brings things to the rock. The rock tests them; it is a critic.

By now we know the rock's surface.

Apart from song, there is no way to know what is inside the rock.

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The rock cannot

be shifted.

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"We know that sirens visit you, we hear them. Why did they pick you? When do they come?"

"I cannot tell you why they come, or when.

The song you hear is their voices vibrating the waves.

The sea is their mouth and I am the ear."

"Are you not scared of the sea? In spite of your being hard, do you fear the storms and the great waves? Do they ever hurt you?"

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"No, never. However, I was afraid of the sea at first.

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I was formed where I stand, very close to water.

The water came closer and closer, slowly, gradually, and then it was all around me.

In the beginning, I was very scared of being engulfed and surrounded—of being drowned.

My fear was a common fear, a fear of bad contact and bad loving.

But, in time, my understanding of love changed.

Love surrounds you without sinking you, without drowning you. It floats you, it makes you light, it makes life light."

"Do you think yourself lucky for being so hard, heavy and still? Do you ever wonder what it would be like if you could move?"

"Traveling is not only moving a physical distance.

Having legs is not moving.

Everything I am, the water brings to me, it changes me, I am moved by it.

Why would I want to forsake that?

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This is how I am made.

Hardness is relative.

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I am only hard to those who want to break things.

I have moss and grasses wherever I am touched by water.

I am soft, water makes me soft.

Just because you cannot displace me does not mean that I am heavy, that I am a weight.

I am only a burden to those who want to carry things.

I am not meant to be carried.

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In fact, I am very light because I love water.

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I make the water float.
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