

Rotating Closer to a New Moon

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I've failed in the usual ways: mornings, new-year resolutions and the slow slide toward afternoon, unanswered phone calls and circular bird flight through an indifferent holly bush comes on tragically, weighted, unannounced through waves of gray and tumbling mist off the Pacific.

One boat, a junk left astray by the Chinese centuries ago refuses to anchor, rolled waves, lulled slack by the promise of tomorrow's storm licks the ship sideways, claps the rigging against a short, steep mast. A woman again, rustles through sleep in a back cabin. The sheets undulate the light coming through skewed window shades, discarded clothes ride the peaks and dips, searching purchase.

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