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My body crashed
delicately, disconnecting a crystal
sea. Memory reassured me
I was home, but black and white
submerged swimmers whispered hints
of an ice-capped island.

Overhead, plasma is stricken
with luminescent hues.
Green glowing curtains dance
an enchanting greeting.

These creatures before me—
tusked, webbed, whiskered—
would ring bells for centuries
the way they did now.

Bells ringing, or songs
hummed. One bop on the head,
a walrus perhaps?

My father, instead.
"Your alarm is chiming."

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