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PROSPECT FOR A CITY BEACH

A starfish holds fast
the green sea wall
and a thousand black desires
turn before its sculpted eye.
You and I feast
on the tips of corals
and cut our backs
in austere hotels. For weeks
this. We sit on the beach.
Some men walk by.
The starfish sings. Dear thing
it is deaf. It cannot even
hear the waves.

for Frank O'Hara