ocean keeps crashing at my house whenever waves are too small to couch surf / whenever moon tells his secrets / whenever the tide rises like warm bread // whenever the door is deadbolted / the lock gets picked / a horseshoe crab gets left on the deck / heavy footsteps wake the whole house in the middle beginning of the night // whenever moon leaves the porchlight on / wastes fossil fuels / rolls weed on the coffee table / leaves seeds scattered like coffee grounds on the kitchen counter / the house moans for being left turned on // wind works against me / doesn't take her 15s / eats at her desk / is always trying to leave early // ocean complains about the shoobies / the bennies / wants them to head home for winter / for the restaurant to close on sundays / cut him when it's slow / so he can go home / have strangers run metal detectors through his hair / looking for gold / for the fishermen to pull sandy strands back into a hairnet / dress his legs in fishnets / before his next shift / before he falls asleep on the couch / in the middle of the afternoon / before we have to spend the whole day lightfooted / tiptoeing through the kitchen / watching t.v. with the sound off / the captions on / so he doesn't wake up / leave in the middle of the morning / with the lights left on / with the t.v. flickering / with wind whispering / the top of his ears raw / biting at his heels