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Traveling--
In the city where lakes are salty,
we wade
in nature's latest downpour.
The road washed out--
people swimming everywhere.
Like alpha-bits in a breakfast bowl.

Helpless mother, who can't swim,
gives her regular paranoid speech--
"Don't go out too far"

Feeling the pavement beneath me,
A sense of freedom releases me
from the crowd.
One last step to my chin--
An extra step.
An endless step--
A black hole in a dream,
A pot hole in reality.

Clear water darkens
as sunlight slips away.

A last desperate attempt--
A stretching extension.
My hand splits in half,
the larger,
out of water?

A sudden splash--
sends a bald-headed image pushing me
up like a rocket to another world.

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