

# Comfort

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In ascending,  
the white of gull wingcut  
through horizontal stripes of lake.

Steel blue, Payne's grey,  
obsidian, and navy layers  
painted the water to sky's line.

Wisconsin sand,  
Wisconsin bird eyes sought  
Michigan shores,  
believed in the unseen.

Soft, the lapping of waves  
drew ribbon line scallops on sand.

Bubblefoam rhythm-popped  
on smooth, wet pebbles.

The gull bent wings,  
feather flew, settle-floated  
in the ease of comfort.

Photo by Holly Gertz