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It disturbs us  
being told what to do  
by the wind. It's not only

tying up our boats  
that just yesterday, it seemed,  
the wind pushed in the bay,

a steady ring,  
but it's admitting  
we are no longer included.

If only we wore  
the right clothes.  
If only we settled for less

like the dunes.  
If only we had wings  
we could veer across

the face of it,  
the wind telling us  
to go in

out of the cold.  
There's the huge yellow  
hotel of our times

and our reservations there  
for the off-season.