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by Alexandra Parthun

I had never preferred the open air.
My shoes were always too nice for mud,
and when we ran off that bus,
I watched only my feet as we climbed
down the incline of bumpy rocks.
But the moment that my shoes hit the gray sand,
I looked up.
The ocean glittered and the sun's
sudden glare hit my eyes.
Smooth black rocks rose around me,
framed by patches of vibrant grass that blew in the breeze.
I stood in the center of it all,
and the earth finally felt big enough.