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Salt crystals glisten white
on the wrinkled face
of the pier; forming a new image
with every stroke of the winds brush.
The low sun ignites the sky.
Red and orange explode
across the pale blue canvas
and fill his head with the flames
that burn on the horizon
and melt like wax drippings
into the blue water.
Time drifts softly
like the hanging fog.
It is a kaleidoscopic vision;
slowly the bits of colored glass disband
and disappear. Only one glowing white
crescent is left against the blackness.
The colors have melted dark
into the deep water, on which the moon
now performs its dazzling light.

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