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Litany of the Wind by Annamaria Weldon

Yalgorup National Park

This wind recites the same litany each night

in the language of periphery it sanctifies the eighteen names for edge

littoral, ecotone, surface sandbar, border, boundary,

meniscus, skin bark, foliage, limit, rim

membrane, plumage, margin, tideline, threshold, verge.

Between nightfall and daybreak the wind sifts the sand like prayer beads

an ancient ritual that shifts the created world through its hands rearranging the dunes one grain at a time.

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