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Three kayaks make a line, pointing out
to the green, to the tilting tin boats,
to black birds diving, to way out
where it seems the clouds are falling.

You could swim to them with a steady stroke,
but when the blue-green darkens, your feet
below you gone, it's time to come home –
the ocean doesn't want you any more.

- Jonathan Hadwen