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My feet are like an old
loving couple on the beach
naked leaning together
by natural inclination
with a lot of tread worn down
between them as who can guess
what intimacies were whispered
those years they've walked together.

The sea's unbelievably blue
the cliffs are an adventurer's
idea of what cliffs and sea
should be but this beach
is where we made love once
or more and although
my feet aren't as supple now
they feel that spring in them still
despite the drought and the dried
shrivelled thistles around me.

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