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## White Men Waving *by Shey Marque*

Milling around on the coastal plains  
functional art of the desert  
postmodern pinnacles in discourse  
with Alberto Giacometti  
his figures of existential reality  
*les hommes qui marchent*  
on a pilgrimage from Provence  
to Emu Downs  
physically stretched  
a long time on their journey  
but there is no turning back  
for these giants with endless energy  
towers of strength

A view of the ocean  
silhouetted against sunset  
white men waving  
*les hommes qui saluent*  
taking individual responsibility  
for a collective crisis  
signal a three pronged strategy  
pointing the way past urban denial  
rising tall above the absurd  
rejuvenating energy  
as they hum in the sea breeze  
charged with life

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