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## **Commuters** *by* Rose van Son

under the Windan Bridge  
tide draws east  
pulls current between pillars

cormorants  
double strokes  
prepare for landing

a boat changes course  
coordinates where pelicans once stood  
throats open to fishermen

an ibis steps out  
digs trenches  
underfoot

gum leaves  
set dams  
flood river plain

seagulls  
hide neck  
dream ripples

in window dust  
commuters close eyes  
smear glass

pillars under bridge  
bring them home

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