Litany of the Wind

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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.