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Since the Holocene,
the sea has been trapped
behind dunes.

It roars
like a raging lion
ready to be let loose
on the land.

It sounds louder at night
menacing threatening.

The sheep listen
from their hillock of sand
the sea once covered

Between the sea and the sheep
are salt lakes.
So much water
so much salt.

In the wet years
the water level rises
and brings the salt.
The dry years bring starvation
and the sheep die
but the salt remains.

Now there is less grazing land.

It is a race between us
and the salt.

We plant trees.

It is war between us
and the salt.

We plant.

The foe is merciless
still we plant.

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