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islands, three, dolloped out there,
silent on horizon, hint of bend where
yes, you walked one, bled on one, once

flinty and hard as truth,
Michaelmas, Breaksea, Mistaken,
three islands, dolloped out there

barefooted, late autumn, off the
dinghy, all map and scheme, blind to sense,
you bled on one, walked one, once

remainders, middle pinned by lighthouse,
eye closed over now, drab reminders
dolloped out there, islands, three

t'was rock and hell's arc of scree,
at the unseen tip, in Southern's wash
you walking, you bleeding, once

half round, turned back, spume and swell, soles
gashed by shell, by granite, one gull in watch
at you walking, bleeding, back, on one of
three, islands, dolloped out there

-Kevin Gillam

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