



With bated, baited breath

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With bated breath,
(a bait for fish),
I heard the voice
of cliffs eroded by
the waves of turmoil
and delusion.
Between the voice
and the deep blue sea
Aghast, I gasped
Lost in the whirl of loons,
Tangled in the wisps of cloudy thoughts
(no reason)
Estranged from the world of familiarity
(unknown to me).
Aghast, I gasped...
A break
at Intermission

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A silent pause...

With baited breath,

(abate the action)

I heard your voice

Despite the distance

I saw your face

Despite the mask

Alas, you gasped,

I gasped

and wept.

With bated breath,

(don't take the bait!)

Break through the waves

of Centre-Ache.

Alone

and dazzled,

Remain blackberry-bright

Absorbed into the light of

that good night.