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## A Collaboration of Poetry and Art: The Krill Kill Project

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## Krill Kill

As warming waters rise  
to flood beaches in Hawaii where  
bikinis and board shorts sporting  
palm trees used to lie soaked in oil,

I feel hope crest  
in the enduring indifference krill  
possess for humans killing each other over  
gods and oil tankers and sanctimonious ideologies;  
the vulnerable line shores

while the earth worm persists.  
Each possesses both egg and sperm sex organs:  
hermaphroditic acrobatic intersex,

and while some spotted or striped four-legged  
mammal stampedes across the Serengeti  
long after droughts fail,

the hummingbird teases  
us as she looks back over her shoulder telling us —  
flit off.

We, the insignificant species,  
self-centered, we crave attention  
from an Earth indifferent  
to our needs —  
it drives us crazy.

The last mollusk frolic or sea otter  
floating won't give  
a second thought for our scramble to  
adhere to land.

The planet fills with empty  
feelings, not even disdain,  
when we flounder.



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