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A Dinghy on
Monkey Bay
(or How I learned
to sail)

A dinghy, and a sail,
Spun me off from Monkey Bay.
The wind holding fast,
Into the colours of that day.
Alone, where sky and waters meet.

At midday, winds failed.
Lolling in the bottom of my boat,
Feet up, hat down, what did I care
If the long tacks took all day.
There was time to spare on Monkey Bay.

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My friend Bill

A first and gentle love
Always finds space in my heart.

Sometimes I sit and think of him;
His smiling eyes, and kindly ways
Are part of my youth.

Now, he is lost to a coral reef
Held down, on the ocean floor.

In a life he loved, he lost his life.
And the caves of the sea
Now, know more than me . . .

But a part of him is always me.
That element belonging to memory.

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