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Much of this was written in the ghostly presence of my great-grandfather, Heinrich Augustus Wedde, the last ship-rig pilot on Wellington Harbour.

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The Relocation of Railway Hut 49

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Yet why shouldn't I aim with "tender"

the best stories begin

"you're not going Tendering: New Poems to believe this Tendering: New Poems but"

I'm still just a taut sailor

on shore leave in life

(time to get back in the tender)

like my tempest tossed Tendering: New Poems great grandfather before me

"Tend to th' master's whistle"

two white doves flirt by the water

Heinrich Augustus and Maria Van Reepen

Barnacle Bill and the Scandinavian Princess

I couldn't either live away from

how light stirs in the surface

(time to attend to the water)

sounds bound once in the braids and weeds of seas

or how the waves wash my spring head in sun

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