

A DROWNING

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The day
after
a ship's skeleton
is drifting
further
away from land.

Parents
stand on cliff
edge
and say:
"last night's storm.
Pity.
some survived though.
Some."

At water's
edge
children help
the sea sort
through
flotsam and
wreckage.

Trying on
waterlogged bonnets
and caps
until parents shout
"Oi away from
the dead man's
clothes"

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Dawn light
 brightens,
Tears fall
 like sea water