

# Kraken

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*For Alice Angus*

A likeness borne in silk, rich contours  
of canvas giving life to the seascape.  
Behold the colossal octopus, a beast of lore,  
an upturned ship within its clutches.

The kraken's eyes, islands of onyx  
surrounded by glistening white,  
are enthralled by the catch.  
A multitude of writhing arms  
idly entwine their neighbours.

Look closely, between threads.  
Imagine the groan of drowning timber,  
rendered apart, blended with deep depths,  
or a lone sailor, scrabbling from the sea,  
to tell his survivor's tale.

