

# The Chicken Crisis

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She's sure the chicken is having  
an identity crisis;

it's staring into the full-length mirror,  
watching itself, a never-ending exchange

of eyeball glances between chicken  
flesh and silver-blasted particles of sand—

a moment of yearning for the hen, to be on  
the beach where that sand came from,

her breast feathers flapping in the sea breeze,  
the salted beach foam in her face, her feet dancing  
in the seaweed.

