

# Beautiful

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## The Beach, part 1

an untrod shoreline  
sun peeking out through gray, ragged sky  
the sun seems like it's floating on green water  
crab pot buoys, they weren't here yesterday  
the diesel sound cuts through the waves, been a little rough,  
ya gotta make a living

sand crab holes above the high tide line  
empty turtle shells, rubbery, hope the little guys made it to the  
water, gulls and herons love to eat 'em

## The Garden, part 2

Elephant ears and caladiums, bring on the rain!  
Passion flower vine crawling up the screen on the front door of the  
porch, looks like marijuana...he, he, might give my neighbor a little  
concern  
nosey little dick he is

Rain lilies and sunflowers  
Zinnias so full and bright I can't bring myself to pick them  
I'd rather see the cardinals and finches pluck the petals  
bees and butterflies linger at my hospitality  
the moonflowers lure pink spotted sphynx moths  
Lycoris radiata, British soldiers push up and declare their place  
among the mint, hollyhocks, daylilies and goldenrod (atch-hoo!)

## People, part 3

Adam, bronze and lithe

runs laps on the beach  
African, French, Chickahominy descent  
loves horses, honors his ancestors  
cut his dreads  
we offer tobacco to his ancestors and walk the shoreline

Kevin, polite, friendly  
a fish out of water  
wants to enjoy and understand  
can't quite get his shit together

Shelley  
tough, strong, determined  
a multitude of unfinished tattoos  
cheers for her son

Ohh...David and his wife just bought 16 acres and beach front on the  
Chesapeake Bay...yee haw! Got permission to walk their beach!

