

# heart-shaped stones

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heart-shaped stones  
love, devotion,  
no way

they lay on the beach  
pink, white, translucent, veins through the center  
I pocketed them

but, crouched in the dunes  
I saw where they came from

a song sung that wasn't answered  
she swam, playful  
breasts buoyant

tossed her head and threw water droplets  
that looked like diamonds  
DeBeers would have been envious

the lager louts baited their hooks,  
plucked another cold one from the cooler

and as I left, I swear she gave them the finger,  
and cried heart-shaped stones

