EAGLE

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#1

There's an eagle in the waves The mighty talons have scratched the surface Eagle eyes have penetrated the foam Fish in school duck and cover Even sharks dart for deeper lairs A whiff of feathers is danger Wingspans send the naked clams to the showers Dizzy lobsters dive for the rock Barracuda bend like rubber bands And stretch themselves too thin Meanwhile a sharp eagle head Sips wine and peruse the menu Swordfish most recently Barked up the wrong seaweed With tart lemon caper sauce Sliced thick and extra juicy Only the witty stingray Dares ask about dessert. Eagle orders oysters

#2

The powerful hooked beak
Looked such a part of the curl
Wet vision thrown off course
Tumble and turmoil
All down the line
Fish flesh almost torn
To the naked bone

Shreds of ligaments and meat
Capsized in cement shoes
But nothing escaped
Being swallowed whole
Like a snake
Bones dealt with much later
Skinny skeletons lined up
And chosen for the next dance
Davey Jones' music
Bubbling up like champagne
Tickling exquisite eagle tongue
Letting loose a laugh

#3

It was an eagle in the waves
Those eyes make no mistake
Especially from a mile high
Blue fish and tuna
Too dumb to run
Then netted by their panic
Caught out the in door
Raised by razor hooks
Converted to true believers
Last rites sprayed in the wind
Forever and ever
Confessed bird of prey