

Electra Down

Clouds and sea roll as one.

Her motor sputters and quakes,
prayers alone filling her fuel tank.

Clashing clouds
and the wreck of waves
tell the maimed bird's fate.

Her children are teardrops
refreshing her bed.
Infinite fishes harbor within her.
Fields of coral light her way home.

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