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GLIDING

On silent wings
your tattered hair soars.
Rhythmic calves
force pedals
to defeat death.

Contained in an untainted ocean
are your thinned, beating eyes.
Your minds fold
above their rippling smoothness.

That seabird echoes
your wheels's glide.
She bears down
on prey, wind flattens her
zebra wingfeathers.

But you fly by,
arms lightly strangle handlebars,
and dissolve downhill.
Behind, windbreaker wings
flash red.

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