

Fish Out of Water

How do you suffocate?
even on land
where all seems free
and unrestricted by the pressures
of the dark blue depths

Seemingly impossible
but in the land where anything is possible
the impossible becomes possible
even on dry land
surrounded by flowers and trees
you can asphyxiate

When your throat throbs
a clenched clamp closing your airway
as the pressure presses your lips closed
Along with your breath
your voice goes
and away it flows

“I can’t breathe”

Alone in the plain plains
There is no rest stop
No healer’s hut
No medicine market
to relax the muscles
relapsing and seizing
Leaving you flopping
like a fish out of water

Without water flowing
into your gills
Idly you sit
unable to swim
and join your school

Alone
A sardine surrounded by sharp-toothed sharks
swimming in circles with their judging gaze
But with a school
a large mass of support
of good souls shining like scales
Seemingly as massive as a whole blue whale