

Leap

When all that remains
of the day
is the salt stain
on the wooden porch
rippling out
like contours on a map –
she will still remember

the seagulls circling,
the warm jetty
beneath her feet,
laughter rising
from friends below.

When the last grain of sand
is washed from her ears,
she will still know
what mid-air feels like –
still be glad
she took the chance.

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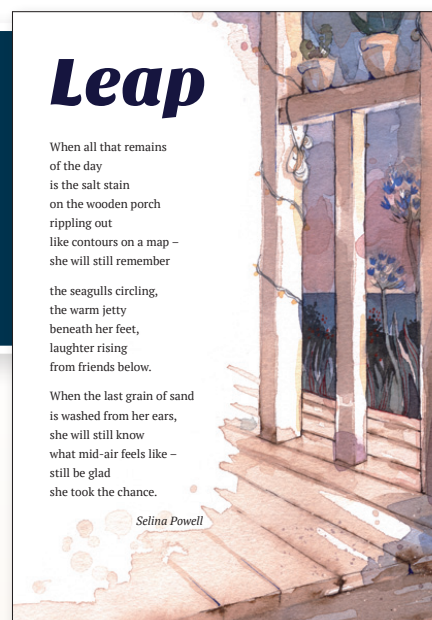
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