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Gerald Locklin: "Winslow Homer: Gloucester Sunset, 1880"

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Winslow Homer: Gloucester Sunset, 1880

I have always been
 A strong boy at the oars.
 I skim still waters where
 The bass hides in the bulrush marshes
 Or I ramp the waves in challenge of
 The grand banks where my fate awaits me.
 I propel myself among the narcissistic sails
 Which have been unsinewed by the wind's
 Solicitations. As night comes on,
 The only splash that's seen is mine.
 I bow my back to feel my dorsals pull
 And show you, resting in the stern,
 That I'm the mate to pilot you
 Past shoals that punctuate horizoned years
 When I will be the steady context of
 The girlhood in your womanhood.
 From infra-red to ultraviolet,
 I will fill my lungs with salted oxygen
 For the winning and the keeping of you.

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