**Redox Reactions and the Blur of Aqua**

*after an image*

*and for an avid fisherman*

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A tendril of structure holds the answer.

It persists in the nexus of corrosion

where electrons combine in redox.

As if the loss and gain of oxidation-

reduction could release his ebb

of decline

open the floodgates

to fluid recollection.

Vinegar can remove rust

renew the appearance

of inanimate objects.

But what of memory

the monuments

we erect in our minds?

Are there clear pathways

to animate renewal?

Are there keys to unlock

the memorials of thought

the markers of time?

Perhaps the blur of aqua

the milky residue of crimson

the obscure sense of an ocean

is enough

where the red sky at night

still recalls his delight.