

## SELF PORTRAIT

I keep re-watching Moonlight,  
& all those iridescent  
blue black bodies after dark.  
I'm an amateur  
at this. I have no license  
to operate this body  
or to handle yours  
with its complicated equipment.  
So, sit still with me.  
Listen to the hum  
coming from the ocean.  
Bury your toes in the sand  
Stare into my eyes  
Yes, like that.  
Throw your head back  
Do you see the stars?  
Black mermaids?  
The universe exploding?  
Most importantly,  
Do you see me,  
quivering, right next to you  
memorizing  
every  
shade of blue?