## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

|                    | STAR   | GHOST                                      | MOUTH  | SEA   |
|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Meaning            | bright, ancient<br>wound I follow<br>home          | the outline of silence                     | an entryway or<br>an exit                              | cold ancestor;<br>bloodless<br>womb                               |
| See also           | spark; stranger;<br>scripture; sting               | shadow;<br>photograph;<br>hum              | fish; slug;<br>fist; slop; any<br>synonym of<br>please | heart-song;<br>swarm-song;<br>salt-song;<br>swallower<br>of songs |
| Antonym            | fish   | blood                                      | mouth  | machine   |
| Origin             | myth;<br>a mother's<br>stories;<br>matter's static | all things birth<br>their own<br>opposites | what came first, the sword or the wound?               | N/A   |
| Dreams<br>of being | reached  | filled, or flesh                           | the sea  | N/A (does not<br>dream; is only<br>dreamed of)                    |

## COLD MOON

Back below the ice. Back to swim. Seastar. Creeping brine. We salt, sink. We pull down the cold. We pull the moon to our floor. Hello. Waterstone. Brinicle. Cold-blooded and still flesh. Still horned fingers groping the kelp bed. Still salt. Pull. Everything the ice touches. Is ours. Is quiet now. We sink slow. We pray still. For moon. We answer it now. Ourselves.