

Two Poems by Richard Dinges, Jr.

Auction

An auction on our
nation's shores, rights
and waves mingled
at low red tide, just before
evening news, a new
moon forecast and hidden
behind clouds, each
breath of wind a fetid
reminder of our long
journey, accelerating
toward a dark future
emblazoned by a faint
blue flame rising from
empty water where
shores and horizons merge.

At the End

Draped by a thin white
gown, sun rays travel
a far distance to diffuse
among a damp fabric,
a frail light that spreads
over a darkening horizon,
fragments of my imagination
that glow in brilliant
embers and burn a hole
in my day, at the very end,
right when I thought

I had seen it all,
another dream begins.

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