

“A perfect love” by Katharine Kilalea
from *One Eye'd Leigh* (Carcanet, 2009)

POEM
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POCKET

You are a tortoise in a hard hat.

I am a heart growing gallons and gallons of hair.

You made it with me: a perfect love,
which went hard from the softness of its innards.

And though all the love went elsewhere, you hung around
like a gas, like sand in my bikini pants.

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