Meditation

Wrapped in your blanket, back against the sea-wall: the silent witness.

Cloud-dimmed stars above.

Across the bay

Morecambe's summer constellation.

The rising moon, still and spinning like a bobbin in the silvered channel.

The mud creaks dry. Curlews also question the returning tide.

The moon whitens, drawing up the tide. Your shoes on shingle break outer quiet.

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