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Lake Michigan's
not a photo op
like lakes in Washington
State. It's blunt and flat,
a worker in a hard hat,
and those who swim it
become Midwestern,
glossing over
a depression so old
no one saw it coming.
The woman crawling
to the breakwater drags
a blow-up buoy:
note swimmer,
it signals tonelessly.
The lake shifts
its plain body,
paying no mind
to any of us.
It is not the result
of divine intelligence;
a glacier had to move
from A to B. Imagine
that determination
as beauty.

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