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Endquote

With a View of the Sea

October, and the sea this morning rests its cheek against the quays; the pattering upon the awning's seeds of the acacia trees, keeping a beat. The blazing sun is hoisting up out of the sea a piercing stare that doesn't burn, just as the rowers sculling by pierce the water, gazing up at one far snowy mountaintop.

—from *With a View of the Sea* by **Joseph Brodsky**, translated from the Russian by Glyn Maxwell and Zakhar Ishov