ROMAIN LE BLEIS

Endquote

Over the Sea

Over the sea, quite near the shore, were trying to rise, one beyond another, at wider and wider intervals, vapours of a pitchy blackness but also of the polish and consistency of agate, of a visible weight, so much so that the highest among them, poised at the end of their contorted stem and overreaching the centre of gravity of the pile that had hitherto supported them, seemed on the point of bringing down in ruin this lofty structure already half the height of the sky, and of precipitating it into the sea.

— from *Within a Budding Grove* by **Marcel Proust**, translated from the French by C K Scott Moncrieff