

LIGHTING THE WAY TO RECLAMATION



Despair is like a dark ocean
lapping at the threshold
soon to cross the transom,
filling a tower of empty loneliness:

abandoned,

forlorn,

desecrated

by inattention
to a steady clarion call
beckoning to indifference
pleading to be rescued
from a certain fate
while the forces of nature

answer the call

DAY 29 PROMPT: Write words on 15 strips of paper to create 5 metaphors then choose one to start a poem. Author's note: prompt received and poem written while attending a meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association at which attendees heard presentations about efforts to restore lighthouses damaged by Hurricane Ian and to restore Alligator Reef Light by a non-profit based in Islamorada (Florida Keys) that recently acquired the light. IMAGE CREDIT: Photo of Alligator Reef Light taken by Sharon McKenzie after the day 29 meeting, just before sunset.