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Full sail, a feat of stylized rigging, armed frigate, eating machine whose armadas blow ashore through warming currents, to cooler coasts off Amagansett, up the Atlantic as far north as the Bay of Fundy, The Isle of Man—and I who envisioned your technicolor rays only in Our Amazing World's slick pages, centerpiece of danger and display—how you swim up unbidden, struck chord like the wail of sirens, the warning and the *all-clear*, the stark list of grocery stash guaranteeing post-atomic household survival. So you drop that fine-spun glass pane at the first sign of surface threat to submerge or travel dark, lucent pools— O blue bottle, spilled ink— Even dead you deliver a sting.