## Gathering

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Tumult sky, wishbone & hounds bow moon shadows what's fallen. The Perseids have passed, salty spray rests on the heavy lids of sailors gathered round the fire.

Triumphant stories,
Tales of big fish
more striking than seas,
the Southern Cross –
fall to quiet drones
for men motioning at runes,
poking white hot sticks,
charcoal smudges on their hands
and faces,

A twinkle-caught in an eye -

The gods at play.



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