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### The other osprey

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She has a piercing high call  
without an end.  
Perched on  
the rough nest  
above the bay  
with a moment's gall  
she regards it all.

Meanwhile he coasts  
on wind  
in the same way  
as she cries  
without an end  
as if to say  
this is all.

**Molly McQuade** recently co-judged the New Criterion Poetry Prize.

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