I Never Miss My Water

The well has been dry now for over a week. We gleaned small doses of nourishment from the tender flutes of grass blades and drops of mildewed tea stained circles left wilting in the California skies.

We kept our eyes posted North towards the Angels Crest horizon, and we brushed our long golden hair towards the south, fanning it at Sunset and Laguna, into the tide pools of El Matador, where the fancy drones buzzed high over head, snapping sexy shots of sandcastles and their melting moats with every new lash of salty stone cold wave that came crashing down.

When I was a toddler, my parents used to keep their dirty brass coins in a thick old glass arrowhead bottle, one big enough to house an amazingly detailed model Aircraft Carrier from 1918, constructed entirely out of waterproof matchsticks.

And in that carriers noble hull there were housed, a steady legion of hidden horned beetles, ready and willing, to swim the murky miles of Pacific sludge.

And in their barracks, in little tiny water beetle footlockers, lay the sepia toned
brittle photographs of their
beetle babies and their
beetle wives, and on the
backs of each photo, so
carefully scrawled… the

words and passages i’d
waited over a whole week
to inspire me, but never got.

Yes, my own poetry writing
mechanism was down in
one of those barracks as
well, doing one handed
push-ups and flexing my
tattooed phalanges in the
mirror and waiting for “lights out”
so that I may dream
the well of inspiration full
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