

Deluge Drawings

I cut my lover's curls twice a year
snip a dark ocean on our kitchen floor

one March we woke up to the radio—
stories of the shaking earth

Honshu walked eight feet east
earth's rotation shifted on its axis and sped up

the sea pulled back and overcame a coastline
dropped below the water

fifteen thousand heads dropped also
half a million buildings

the seismogram could be a DaVinci drawing
and did you know that Leonardo

at the end of his life
inked immortal turbulence in swirls and wrote

*Neptune will be seen
in the midst of the water with his trident*

and did you see the flood
in the Mona Lisa?

there— over her left shoulder the river
comes up behind and takes her

did you see Neptune's wrath
in her hair