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The bleached coral sits dead
on the dresser, full of
holes and curves,
too light to be anything
ever alive, though
not light enough to float
in water.

Misshapen and out of place
within the nautical themes of the nursery,
yet untouched like everything else.

It is so easy to walk in
and want to hold it,
to wish
it was permitted to move

Editor's Note

Another poem and an article written by Ms. Boger are found in this volume of *The Graduate Review*.

About the Author

Jillian is pursuing her MA in English. Her poems were written in the spring of 2017 under the mentorship of Professor John Mulrooney. She presented at the 2018 PCA/ACA National Conference on horror and girlhood trauma, and at GSU's 2018 New Voices Conference on selected works by J. G. Ballard during the spring semester 2018. She hopes to pursue her Ph.D. following the completion of her Master's Degree program.