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Ryan Chighizola Prize Winner

A relic of an older world,
they call me, but
I have out-lived ice-ages
& I will out-live you.
Even when my body drifts
to the ocean floor,
I become a garden
glowing in the darkness.
I am so large
that I have no concept
of fear, of danger:
I almost envy you
your human folly, where
everything you do is sweetened
by risk.

for Dierdre