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The outermost circle belongs to myth

[Tranströmer]

longing for significance

transports

travel

smack of baseball
(which is round)
off the swung bat
(likewise) is said
to meet squarely

the meaning

another
story
narrating
how one
truth
embraces
its opposite

of which is more

than word-play

bore to the center

trace borders

race to the utmost

come home

the shadow buried in the deeps by this other sail

[Mallarmé]

it burns under tides the shadow
and drifts along the continent

this darkness
is both friendly
and familiar

(that is its terror)

pods of whales

sing their way through these depths

the limits
of the body

are not
the limits of the soul

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