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# Not a Swan Song

*Shannon Leigh*

You've heard the fire-and-brimstone song  
Of damnation raining down  
Where rack and ruin rumble  
And buildings tumble to the ground

Some like this idea of a world ablaze

But what if the end of days  
Is blue?

What if the world we know will end  
In gently lapping waves  
That climb the shore so slow  
We waste our chance for last-ditch saves?

What if our feet are wet  
Before we even see the risk?  
And we only fight once it's too late:  
A quick-sand futile finish.

And when that future crashes  
Like an everlasting tide  
With mighty cleansing splashes  
Upon stony human pride

Perhaps then the apocalypse,  
As some said all along,  
Will not be heralded by trumpets  
But by blue notes of whale song.