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Istanbul
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...slim yachts of the element...

— ROBINSON JEFFERS

Izmir
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Included in these pages are three field-note poems in connection with seagulls observed from the Asian shore of the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul and just inland from the Gulf of Izmir. These ended up being published in *Bones: journal for the short verse*, *Heliosparrow*, and *NOON: journal of the short poem*. Meanwhile, the previously unpublished fourth poem is a collage of the first three. The accompanying photograph was taken in Izmir on 26 Dec. 2019.

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to float on

the surface
of the sea

first fold in
the wings

soaring
a matter

of slight
shifts

of wing

shifts
of air

collecting

the last of
the light

available
the white

of the gull

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