USE OF OWNERSHIP

Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me.... And the men went and passed through the land, and described it...in a book...and came again to Joshua...and there Joshua divided the land—Joshua 18:8-10

Walk the land. Describe it. Own it with your words.
What is land? It is thought. It is language.
Land is a plow pulled by draft horses—the blade curved as a claw.
The crows overhead—their caws, wooden cogs turning a ratchet wheel.
Land is a supply wagon.
An abundant row of trees.
Land is a pump handle.
A weapon. A mold for lead balls.
Land is signature.
Land is deed. It is act.
Hear it talk to the river—
the tree in the field
a nail to hold down.
SPEED BOAT

The constant sound of surf.
The boat He walked toward
on the sea.
The turtles with inflatable rafts upside-down
on their backs.
The orange slivers of fish saying, carry me.
The turtles with racing stripes
and red streaks on their necks
edge out of the boat like followers of Peter—
action figures with battery packs running low on juice
until the Holy Ghost fell on believers
and filled the air with the sound of wind
and moving tongues of goldfish.