

# Two Fishermen in Hong Kong

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We couldn't find anyone  
in that inner-city maze.  
Between thick buildings

we asked God for directions  
in our own tongue, our hope  
unravelling like heavy nets

let out to drag the ocean floor,  
our eyes instinctively closing  
on the smell of squid and fish

steaming from a hawker's cart.  
We watched him dip two sticks,  
each skewered with pieces

of orange legs and tentacles.  
We were warned not to feed  
off strangers. For hours

we worked that succulence  
in our mouths, our aching  
jaws beginning to testify.

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