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LOCAL SPIRITS

In high-walled Mediterranean towns,
it might have been the close quarters
compelled the young to ever new
religious feeling, into the groves

named for some unmet nymph. There
language registered the next
particular, amidst its change.
Builders of cities, far to the north,

we have it on authority
that local spirits are on the move.
The ice floe summered a mile off-shore:
without a proper name, it's ocean.