

Endangerment

I'm trying to swim away from the ship that is chasing me down.
I can see everything, coral, fish, plants
Flashing past as I try to escape
I look back to see if they're gone.
No, still right behind me.
I feel a sharp pain in my tail
The harpoon bites into my skin
I thrash around in fear
Trying to get rid of the pain.
I stop to catch my breath
My blood spilling out, polluting the water around me.
My tail lifting out of the water
My eyes close as I am hauled onto the ship.
Where am I?
I can see the water below me
Laying on the cold, hard metal of the ship.
A flash of a sharp tool against the sunlight
My life flashes before me
The sharp edge of the tool sinks into my flesh.
I know it's the end,
There's no escaping now.
Nothing can stop this.

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