

A CLOUDCATCHER HAIKU SEQUENCE
In the Wake of Cyclone Debbie – April 2017
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the last straw
tops a levee bank
siren...

a dream catcher
sways in the tree
water rising

powerless...
candlelight
flickers

inundation—
shades of grey
above brown

the emptiness
of a flooded town—
vacant stares

abandoned houses a cat meows somewhere

water gurgles
through organ pipes –
sodden hymn books

the third day
river and road
become one

curbside pick-up
piles of treasure
turned to trash

watching...
the dozer crushes
her grandson's bike

thundering surf—
wind-flung foam
in the children's pool

stink of mud
rain washes
sugar cane

high tide
the ocean dumps back
river flotsam

receding flood the sparkle of river ripples

cyclone's wake ...
listening to
the magpie