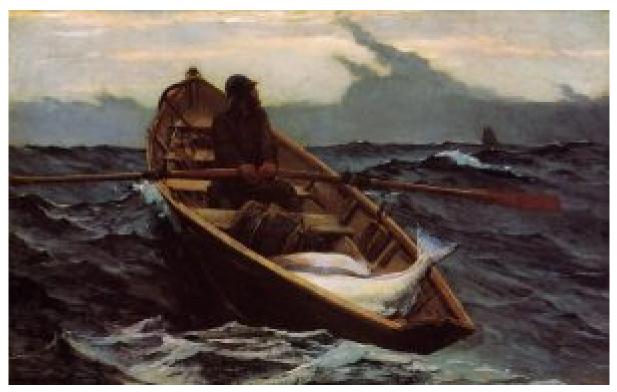
## A Little Black Boat



The Fog Warning by Winslow Homer, 1885

by Michael Shindler (February 2022)

A little black boat at sea In the grey-red current Without any passengers Tossed its bow to the wind As if it were a key To a bordered extent Of mystery-messengers between heaven and earth, twinned.

But the sea answers: Its length is a lock Over which prancers Go from dock to dock.

Yet the little black boat

Kept its bow to the wind As if it were a key Till it couldn't float. And the sea grinned With grey-red glee.

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