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Weathered hands  
Grip rod.  
Sun blazing,  
Waves lapping,  
Gently rocking.  
Reel zinging  
Bait dropping  
Waiting. Baiting  
Once again.  
Searching horizon,  
Gulls soaring,  
No nibbles.  
Patience. Patience.  
Pondering...Wondering...  
Change course?  
Cast a wider net?  
Orange glow,  
Sun setting,  
Day ending –  
Suddenly  
Line jerks  
Rod bends  
Reel spins  
Water breaks  
Tug-o-war.  
Scales glisten  
Salty spray  
Muscles strain  
Catch landed.  
Fins flailing  
Tail twitching  
Gills gasping  
Battle over.  
Victory. Triumph.  
But for whom?  
Toss overboard.  
Freedom  
Real prize:  
Letting Go.