

## Earthquake

wobbling and stumbling  
through an archway's cool shadow  
is this vertigo?

I knelt to not fall  
others scream—it's not just me  
must be an earthquake!

big waves in small pool  
sloshing bathers side to side  
frantic to climb out

I stood to see beach  
is Banderas Bay still there?  
tsunami coming?

a *temblor* for my  
experience collection  
the "big one," so far



Puerto Vallarta, Colima–Jalisco earthquake, 9 October 1995, 9:35 am  
Photo: Los Tules Resort, scene of the earthquake experience

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