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Head back,
Eyes closed.
Fingers prancing from key to key,
When the pirates dance from sail to sail.

When I am in “the zone,” there’s no telling
How my writing will turn out.

“The zone” comes out every once in a while,
Once in a blue moon,
Or once in a full moon:
When the blood in my fingers follow the tides in the sea,
Mostly when a due date is very soon,
Or it’s past due,
Or it’s a rare time when I want to feel productive.
“The Zone” doesn’t happen all the time.

When it does happen, the pirates come out.

The pirates, wizards—
Sometimes the lions—
Will meet at the space bar
To encourage the blank space on the page
To be something more.

Short Reflection: When I write a paper for any class, I need inspiration to actually sit down and write something. I like to listen to soundtracks and scores of movies while I write. My favorites are the score for “Pirates of the Caribbean,” “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” and “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.”