

Creative Writing Contest 2023  
Phantom Waves by Sarnia Gunderson  
Poetry 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Today I spent the day at the beach, surrounded by family.  
You loomed over my mind like a stray cloud above the water.

lot like the way my bones ache for you.

Like the remnants of your energy are still flowing through me.

At least until the last of my love for you has eroded my shores and all is left are bittersweet  
memories.