

Biofouling

Larvae drift upon transient currents,
each in search of refuge,
clinging to the embrace
of a nurturing host to their union.

From humble origins, they converge,
those steadfast and unwavering,
settling in the sheltered recesses of the reef,
a delicate veneer, a bastion
against encroaching desolation.

Among the muted depths where light falters,
a tapestry unseen stirs,
the architects of existence
craft their narratives amidst coral filigrees,
a vivid tableau concealed from the unobservant eye.

Chemical whispers draw them close
and entwine in unvoiced accord,
orchestrating a symphony of intent
nurturing steadfast growth,
its foundation rooted in quiet cor

Once anchored in newfound space,
growth weaves chaos into order
as if a spreading plague,
yet the pulse of the system resounds,
a flush of vitality amid the void.

Yet shadows gather,
a force that clings and weaves to
form a smothering coat that chokes the light,
silently, life suffocates
and stifles breath unheard and unseen.

