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**East Hills**

Hills? Well, dunes  
maybe two or three metres above  
mean sea level.  
And where's that, when it's at home?  
It's a level that the tide rushes past  
on its way up and again  
on its way down.  
It's a level measured  
a century ago and  
three hundred and forty miles  
to the south-west:  
marked by a bolt embedded in  
the Newlyn harbour wall.

One day, a storm will  
simply erase them.  
Four years ago a storm demolished  
the dunes on the beach across the creek  
and had a go at East Hills.

A once in a century storm,  
that was thought to be.  
So perhaps they will  
outlive us.