

La Mer/After H.D. · *Dale M. Kushner*

for Susan Stanford Friedman

Why the pull of it? Salt,
and constancy? Shaped

Against the odds of luck, I,
mollusk, starfish Born to/

Worn to Sea-change
dependent upon its fluid

Determinance, de-
Positing onto the beach What is

Nourishing, a world
of glad dissolutions:

Hones a newness Purposes
coming-forth So in me

Bloodlines constellate locked
in lunar rhythms Pre-History

Egg
 Crucible
 Stellar Rose, burning