FROM THE ICE TO THE OPEN OCEAN ~Threats to Phytoplankton Productivity in the Antarctic Marine Ecosystem from a Changing Climate~



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The ice was here, the ice was there, The ice was all around: It cracked and growled, and roared and howled, Like noises in a swound!

> Samuel Taylor Coleridge The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

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"The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever."

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