[Here, Said the Ocean]

by Rodrigo Dela Pena, Jr.

Here, said the ocean to the ship

And here, said the towering sails to the wind

It was good, and there was evening

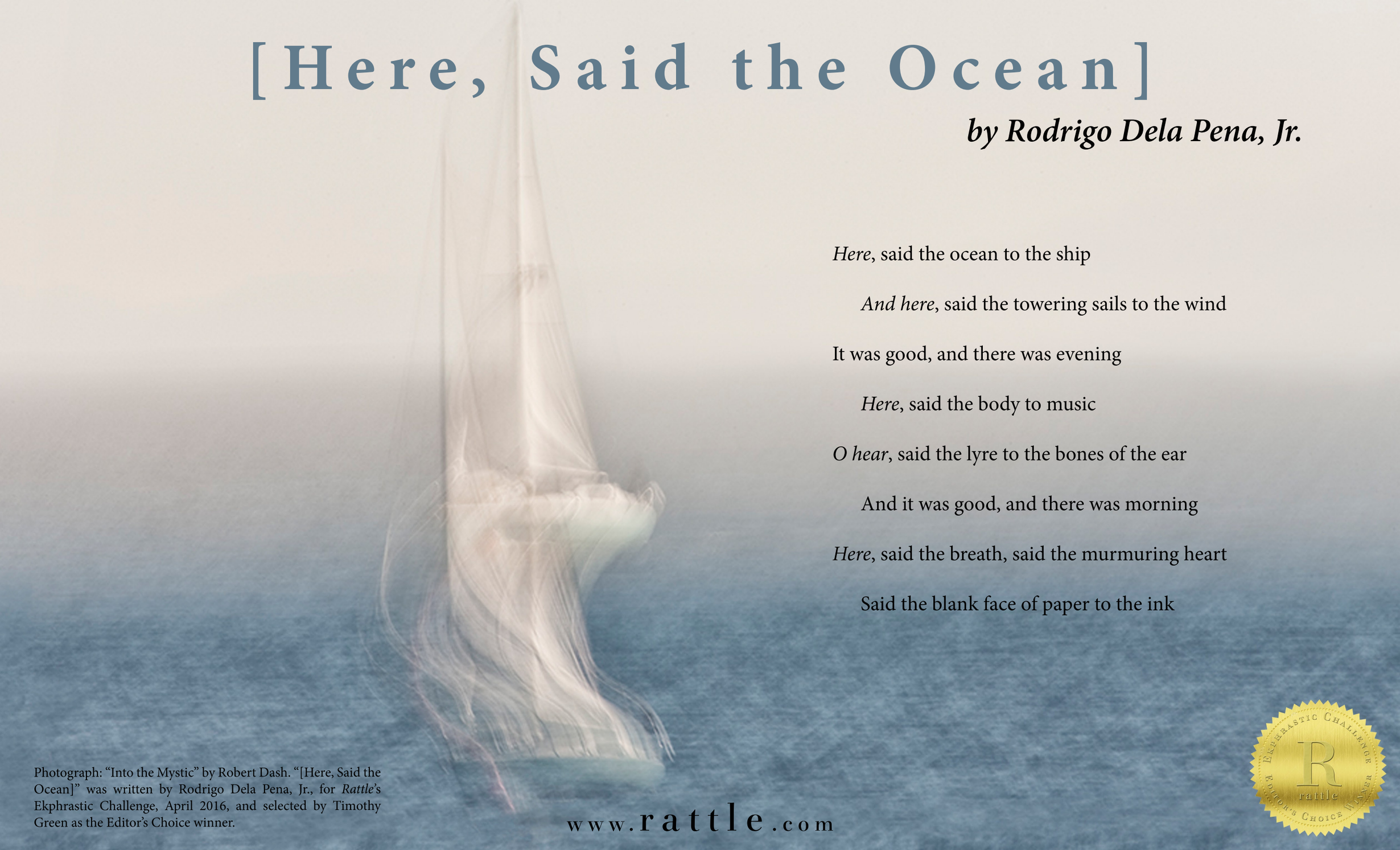
Here, said the body to music

O hear, said the lyre to the bones of the ear

And it was good, and there was morning

Here, said the breath, said the murmuring heart

Said the blank face of paper to the ink



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