

7	Near Gale	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind. (Spindrift begins to be seen.)
8	Gale	Moderately high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift. The foam is blown in well marked streaks along the direction of the wind.
9	Strong Gale	High waves. Dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind. Crests of waves begin to topple, tumble and roll over. Spray may affect visibility.
10	Storm	Very high waves with long overhanging crests. The resulting foam in great patches is blown in dense white streaks along the direction of the wind. Or the whole surface of the sea takes a white appearance. The tumbling of the sea becomes heavy and shocklike. Visibility is affected.
11	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high waves. (Small and medium sized ships might be for a time lost to view behind the waves.) The sea is completely covered with long white patches of foam lying along the direction of the wind. Everywhere the edges of the wave crests are blown into froth. Visibility affected.
12	Hurricane	The air is filled with foam and spray; sea completely white with driving spray. Visibility very seriously affected.

FORCE OF WIND TABLE: LAND CRITERION

— Cf. Bird Observatory, Fair Isle, Shetland, Scotland

0	Calm	Calm, smoke rises vertically.
1	Light Air	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift, but not by wind vanes.
2	Light Breeze	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle; ordinary vane moved by wind.

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| 3 | Gentle Breeze | Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; wind extends light flag. |
| 4 | Moderate Breeze | Raises dust and loose paper; small branches are moved. |
| 5 | Fresh Breeze | Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters. |
| 6 | Strong Breeze | Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telegraph wires; umbrellas used with difficulty. |
| 7 | Near Gale | Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt when walking against wind. |
| 8 | Gale | Breaks twigs off trees; generally impedes progress. |
| 9 | Strong Gale | Slight structural damage occurs. (Pots and slates removed.) |
| 10 | Storm | Seldom experienced inland; trees uprooted; considerable structural damage occurs. |
| 11 | Violent Storm | Very rarely experienced; accompanied by widespread damage. |
| 12 | HURRICANE | BLOODY HELL! * |

* Pencilled in at the Bird Observatory.

— Jean Balderston

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hanging from a maple branch
the swing stays twisted
throughout winter

sleepless,

i reach out to turn the glowing face of the clock away
but can't reach it