

Can you run like the wind?

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Are you a zephyr?

Are you a gust?

In August?

Is your name Gale?

Do you enjoy typhoon

with a side of spring roll?

Who's your tsunami?

Velocity is the measure.

Where are you in the race?

Can you run like the wind?

Can you beat it?

Are there scars on your forehead

from jibe thrusts?

Can you stride with it?

Can you be a part of,

included in it?

Can you feel the breeze

against your facial hair?

Does it ruffle your head?

Where are you with gulls?

With robins, doves,
pelicans, swans?

Can you run like the wind?

Own the wind?

Fly with the wind?

Velocity is the measure.

Breathe it in.

Count. Wait.

Feel.

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