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# Forbidden Fruit

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The forbidden fruit  
is not an apple,  
mimicking the ample bosom,  
a red flush  
right below the cheekbones.

The fruit that should be forbidden  
is a pomegranate,  
shaped like a  
dismembered heart—  
aorta cut short  
into a splayed star.

To cut into it  
is to separate  
four chambers from each other,  
and scrape them clean,  
droplets of gem-like juice  
into the waiting cavern  
of a bowl.

Consuming the consummated  
heart of the fruit  
leaves only four empty chambers,  
red like blood,  
open and waiting to be  
filled, so long after  
its own blood was spilled,  
slowly into your  
ripened mouth,  
staining the edges  
of lips with lust,  
a simple, single  
lipstick smudge  
on the collar of a shirt.