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the whistle of under-trees in the golden bath of early eve,  
when the clouds are chewy marigold and cavity sweet  
and I swirl a thumb atop  
to reach the crystalline amalgamation of sugar beneath

to feel the drip beneath my lower lip,  
the cold syrup that escorts the wind and briny fruit,  
to bite towards my chin and, unseen and brash, sip

to stick myself together with Allura Red AC,  
and relish in my unearthly redness,  
my new glazy sheen

I am candy-apple Lazarus,  
sprung from dirt-dull earth  
to taste the open-mouthed,  
artificial kiss  
of God.