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IF YOU WERE A PLUM

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If you were a plum
I'd take you in my pocket

to the orchard
and rub you on my jeans,

explore your creases with my thumbs,
find your deepest colors in the light,

turn your taut skin
between my bright teeth

and settling against a trunk,
I'd swallow you whole.