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Far back
in the trees
I cannot see any person
only apples hanging
high
in green
above me
The sun flows down
a halo
on my head
Blossoms linger
in white
soft smells
as purple-winged hummingbirds
beat rapidly
around them
Reaching up
I touch,
gazing
slowly fingering
one lone
round
fruit
and pluck
leaving behind
the quiet crash
of branches returning
to their places
In silence
I roll
red
through my fingers
and
then
slowly
lean back
and bite
