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Tomatoes

"... in your palm, the ripe weight."
—Li-Young Lee

Daddy eats them in milk
says them like an English-
man his Pa sold them
put his ten through school
set aside English pride
like his best top hat
set up a roadside
stand for the love
apples softer rounder
stand for the cool
ripe weight
of fruit or vegetable
or whatever
is red or plump
and pleading.