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## A Pear Between Us

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My son sat in my lap,  
and I split open  
a pear between us.

Together we shared flesh  
so ripe—  
its sugar drip soaked our chests.

A hummingbird appeared at the window.  
Peripatetic heart.  
A lingering green.

The golden pear gave its juice  
each time his pink gums  
bore down.

It poured forth and drenched us  
in slanted autumn sun,  
a shush with each suck.

The form is passed  
from hand to hand,  
the course from mouth  
to mouth in pairs.