

## ALL ABOUT SWALLOWING

Orange ogres are presidents, defilers  
appointed judges—

I drown  
strawberry whole wheat griddle cakes with syrup,  
chew & slurp, feed the babies,  
water the spice plants  
& drink  
myself into a sangria haze  
while under the moon eating dinner  
where I want to stick a fork in my eye  
& stare into the blood dropping  
but instead I gnaw on a pork chop  
until it looks like a stalk of wheat.

Do you know Diego Rivera  
once ate a cadaver he cooked & he talked  
some students into doing the same.  
Yes, he ranted & painted while he bit  
into a dead girl's pan seared breast, yes  
a revolution, yes he did *really*.  
Maybe Walt Whitman ate a road map.  
And dear Emily Dickinson who swallowed  
the sky down her thirsty throat  
while the sea cooked in her heart. See,  
maybe I'm just my own mouth  
eating my own brain.

My teeth are red.  
My tongue is dripping butter.



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