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## She Confesses to a Cow

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**SHE CONFESSES TO A COW**

*from the fat girl poems*

You stand and move your jaw  
in a slow sideways chew,  
but if you knew what it is like  
to be called a big fat cow  
by a boy walking home from school  
who pointed and laughed with his friends,  
you'd stamp and stop that stupid chewing.  
Except, you are a cow and I'm a girl  
who should be stamping and shouting names  
like "snakeskin", "toadbelly", "cow-plop-eating fly"  
and letting him have it with a hand as big as his.

But some days I hug this extra fat of mine,  
soft and full like a cloak around me.  
I might be someone thin, wearing a disguise.  
No one thinks of *you* as only hide,  
*you* have good tasting meat underneath.  
So might I, if someone cuts through skin,  
turn out to be like steak, look fat  
taste thin, but I'd rather not let anyone in.