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## Raspberries

Little hairs and seeds  
Used to bother me too much to eat.  
Sure, a few decide to burrow in the back of my teeth  
I pick at them with my tongue.  
Dad and I used to pick them in the garden  
when memories were fuzzy and incomplete.  
We tried to grow them when we moved to Montana.  
But the deer moved in with us.  
The only fruit we could salvage hung high in trees.  
Like the plums that grew from the cherry blossoms  
or I thought that they were cherry blossoms.  
White popcorn petals opened, striped and faded pink.  
But plums aren't like raspberries.  
They are dark and round and heavy  
like bruises we carry in our hands.  
Raspberries are easy and low to the ground.  
Rosy berries on bushes with bulbous petals jutting—  
casing juicy contents so they can go down easy,  
hairs and seeds.