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Late Gift

On Valencia Street
in the Mission District

in San Francisco
in the hot October sun

I eat the sweetest orange
of my entire life.

According to the facts, I am in midlife
and you, Papa, have been dead for five years.

But tell me, if you will, that I am not a child,
tell me the orange did not come from your open hand.