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BEEF TONGUE

Beef tongue bent on styrofoam
as big as your face, this is the workhorse
of the cow mouth, the licking,
swiping, mawing director of the chew.
The taste buds erect as new tufts
of grass, wouldn't taste me back.
Though the cattle on the farm,
ranging around and staring through mesquite
always rattle my hike as I step over
their thick pies, as I watch the cows
stare, and avoid the bulls altogether,
and though I hate their stinking methane
worse than my own, I'd never worship
one of these & I'd never taste a tongue.