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A body could fit a lot of things  
into that mouth: almonds that have  
been to the swimming pool, engineers  
who design tests for dummies to  
crash into. In movies, people  
who sing to themselves in public  
look happy and bright. In life,  
we cannot stand up to see them.  
I am thinking about the first man  
who taught me to make a steak  
and how he will die in his bed.