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The Completeness of Lemons

When colors begin to fade,
I will bring you lemons:
bright bumpy skins,
not exactly circular or even oval,
yellow tinged with green
as in a regret,
and an imperfection or two
just to make them all the more real.
We will hold them up to our faces,
close our eyes,
and feel their zing
graze our closed eyelids.
We will flutter our eyelashes
against their ticklish coolness,
appreciate with a whiff
their tart reluctance to be consumed,
and laugh for no reason.

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