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## Smith: The Seed

### THE SEED

Colby Cedar Smith

Here is the want  
for fruit  
out of season,

thump ripe  
winter melon,  
frost berries,  
cold objects.

I am waiting for you,  
small purple plum  
transform my heart,  
which is now a fist  
shaped fig,  
split and bruised

into a tree plump  
and weighty, full  
a hand held  
in an upturned hand.

Even in the city,  
it seems that others  
walk in orchards  
while I pull leaves  
from aching bows

bite on bitter  
greens, hold my  
tongue hope now  
for the ripening  
that will come.