

Carrot

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“Blessed be sin if it teaches men shame.”

—*Georges Bernanos, The Diary of a Country Priest*

This clod-caked taproot tugged from soil  
Then rinsed in water clear & cool

Flares like a soul made visible  
By sin that’s seen as good once gone.

The world consists of there/not-there.  
I choose between each one each hour.

I eat the carrot raw & whole  
From tawny tip to fronded crown.

I eat the carrot not the soul.