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And of my love's house.
 But now I remember the day
 As I remember my grandmother.
 I remember the rain as the feathery fringe of her shawl.

1932

Eve¹

Beside the highway
 at the motel door
 it roots
 the last survivor of a pioneer
 orchard
 miraculously still
 bearing.

A thud another apple falls
 I stoop and O
 that scent, gnarled, ciderish
 with sun in it
 that woody pulp
 for teeth and tongue
 to bite and curl around
 that spurting juice
 earth-sweet!

In fifty seconds, fifty summers sweep
 and shake me—
 I am alive! can stand
 up still
 hoarding this apple
 in my hand.

1967

The Three Emily's²

These women crying in my head
 Walk alone, uncomforted:
 The Emily's, these three

1. According to the Bible, Eve was the first woman, created by God from the rib of Adam, the first man. She disobeyed God by eating an apple from the Tree of Knowledge at the behest of the serpent, thereby bringing death into the

world (Genesis 3).

2. Emily Brontë (1818-1848), English novelist and poet; Emily Dickinson (1830-1886), American poet; and Emily Carr (1871-1945), Canadian painter.

Cry to be set free—
 And others whom
 Each different, ea

Yet they had libe
 Their kingdom w
 They batted clou
 Found a mounta
 From wandering
 The inner magi
 A lake their pale
 Their brush cov

And still they c
 As in reproach
 I, born to hear
 Of separate m
 I yet possess a
 To them, the
 I move as mo
 My arteries
 Flow the im
 Towards the
 And only for
 Am I an Em
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