

"When Depressed"

A poem by Jay Neugeboren '59CC.

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When depressed,
My head shrinks —
A pitted black olive.

When happy,
My soul blooms —
A lusty red dahlia.

Yesterday I fell in love
With a fig,
And devoured its golden pulp.

Then, at home,
My orchid, jealous —
Died of excess water.

Alone, I mused
On poppies and prunes
And nights without days.

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