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## **RUBY FRUIT**

by Laura Lussier

Raspberry, you are a hat for each of my fingers.  
Goose bumped blood orange skin, I peel you back  
And you are rhubarb and beetroot, steeping pink, staining red,  
Persimmon crown atop blushing mango skin,  
Grooved peach pit under rose-colored fruit,  
My plum. Purple skin, I bruise you with my lips. You are a pomegranate scooped out, naked,  
I hold your sequined seeds sheathed in ruby fruit.