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The whole world is a mouth.
The crunching. The stone whispers.
Malleable. Opulent.
The world crumbling under our toes.

No way to be quiet.
The ink noise;
the sound of each word entering the paper.

The chewing of the planets.

Swan genitals. Dove brains. Goose tongues.

It is as if the world were a mouth.
I feel the living lips.
Civilization comes down all around us—
a soft mystified eyelid.