Oedipussy

the problem with Freud

is that he’s dead

and he isn’t here to admit he was wrong

his deadness cannot be rectified, but

if he had my modern perspective

he would understand:

all girls are born with an innate urge toward eggplants

boys prefer watermelons

at the age of three, a boy switches his desire to his mother’s best vase

whereas a girl becomes infatuated with her father’s favourite screwdriver

boys and girls cannot stand each other, as a result

cooties proliferate in the subconscious

around the age of five, the boy becomes preoccupied

that his obsession with his mother’s sandwiches

is in competition with his father’s desire to be the sole eggplant

and that he will crush the boy’s petunias

the boy therefore lives in fear, and eventually will attempt to rebel

he will symbolically destroy his father’s watermelon

when she reaches seven, the girl is suffering from full-blown screwdriver envy

she does not understand that her desire for her father’s toolkit

is colouring all of her behaviour, and that she wishes to cement her ownership

of the father by using his screwdriver to undo all the light fixtures

she fears the mother will attempt to confiscate her pencil case

creating a lifelong drive to hide oblong objects where the light never penetrates

when the woman reaches sexual maturity

she rebels against the tyranny of pencil case and pencils

while still maintaining a hidden desire to steal screwdrivers

men, on the other hand, return to their original desire

and spend their lives seeking an eggplant that reminds them of their mother

it is in fact, however, watermelons that they desire

all this goes on in the unconscious mind

submerged between layers of mental fat

it can only be seen metaphorically

this is the great strength of the theory

if you can prove it wrong

i will give you an eggplant (but not my watermelon. Never my watermelon!)