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RIGHT RIPE

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I am grateful to the student
who brought me a banana,
who showed me the right ripe
for eating;
freckled
like leaves starting to turn,
a few inevitable age spots
just before the fall;

still erect and sweet—
get that banana, Girl!