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## Tomatoes

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*"... in your palm, the ripe weight."*

—*Li-Young Lee*

Daddy eats them in milk  
says them like an English-  
man his Pa sold them  
put his ten through school  
set aside English pride  
like his best top hat  
set up a roadside  
stand for the love  
apples softer rounder  
stand for the cool  
ripe weight  
of fruit or vegetable  
or whatever  
is red or plump  
and pleading.

