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The Strawberry

Oh fair dear fruit,
The sweetest of them all,
Bright red juicy
An aroma not of fall.

Swirling tastes the insides,
Tart and pink and fresh
Red and pink and little green
The outside is the best

Punctured by incisors
And savored by the rest.

Drops of clear and shiny
Dribble down a chin
A wash of hot long days
Dirty knees a-bleedin'

A favored fruit of Watsonville,
One crop among the most
I've moved here now and to her,
I'd like to toast.

A welcome from my wagon,
My sentiments are strong.
I've been in Palo Alto,
Just a little bit too long.

Now my craft I've anchored here,
Along with pals and yes, my dear.

The strawberry, a totem
To all of the above,
To my new home
And most of all to love.

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