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truth are Your gently rolling

Josh Ziemann

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starlit mouth inside and around my
mouth, when my every question tastes of yours!

and stabbing and guessing plunge us
into two oceans engulfed
in a mouth of warm silt where
what's ex-what is land

Magnolia, Deflowered

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Its blossomed beauty
as short-lived as certain beauty is,
the magnolia this morning
weeps the dulled pink decline
of her instantaneous prime
all over the rain-enticed grass.