wild cherry soda

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mellowness is bitterness.
— Edward Happel

LISTEN
when will you hear me?
when will you listen?
all my life I've been looking for you,
everywhere always I've wanted only you.
i'd just like to know you,
that's all I ask.
why don't you let it be?

mystery enshrouds you.
and I must ask:
is your mystical secrecy really
a sign of hidden treasure?
or is it more like
a suppression of the truth?

no matter how hard I try,
to what degree or length,
you still remain unseen.
i ponder giving up,
but you're too important,
you are too special:
we are meant to be awake.
please.
— Sheilla James

“TO CUPID WITH LOVE”
Your arrows dipped in saccharine slime,
as you await some love-drenched rhyme
to wash away my weak defenses,
drown me in my foolish senses...
Then you stick your tainted dart
deep in the muscle of my heart,
Winged', bare-bottomed brat —
I never asked for that.

— Reggie Murphy

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spring fresh days
in joy with cool high friends
travelling the universe
with pockets full of gold
— Corrine Hayes