

Olfactory Reading

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persistent peaches parcel out
persnickety phrases of frenetic energy,
forcing flavor into the sleepy
sky spying for a time down on
the forlorn shores frozen like
a foreign forest
folded inside the bindings,
on a child's bookcase, hiding
MAKE YOUR ANIMAL CALL she yells
and you snicker as silently as possible
between coat jackets in the downstairs hall.
Toes tip and pat outside the door that opens...
PEEK-A-BOO BooHOO, Squeal! Cheer!
Cheep like the chicken trying to cross the road with
cheap corners chipped by car horns—HONK!
we watch. we listen.
suppose we could sit and sip spiced tea
and hit. out. these. words on weightless
table tops until we are stopped
by those devilishly persistent, fuzzy-ass peaches.