

# "When Depressed"

A poem by Jay Neugeboren '59CC.

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When depressed,  
My head shrinks —  
A pitted black olive.

When happy,  
My soul blooms —  
A lusty red dahlia.

Yesterday I fell in love  
With a fig,  
And devoured its golden pulp.

Then, at home,  
My orchid, jealous —  
Died of excess water.

Alone, I mused  
On poppies and prunes  
And nights without days.

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