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# Red Fish & Huckleberries

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That summer we picked huckleberries in your yard  
The sun's heat on the back of our necks  
And our knees in the dark damp dirt  
The sour red berries burst on our tongues  
Soon the red fish will run  
They say it's genetic  
The parasites in our brains  
Red fish are filled with parasites  
They say  
Now I'm across the street  
Looking at your yard  
It's been four days since you fell out at red fish  
And I wonder if the huckleberries are still there  
And if the red fish will run

