

Digestive Disorders
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Mass expulsion can be habit forming,
a reflux reflex at corroded hinges.
Trachea and gullet, or drink and think
South: where hard ice fights insatiable thirst,
North: where one banana can cost five bucks.
It's no joke. Fresh fruit is very fragile.
Only sturdy exotics make the trek
and only when green, far from fit to eat.

A twin vermiculation, brain and gut,
splits these differences below the neck,
above the belt. Either way bass lines belch
hot sticky air, knot trope tricks. What we have
here is a failure to assimilate –
Choking coils, their walls punctured with ulcers.