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TAHITI TREAT

Tastes like still life with seven fruit flavours.

Tastes like resurrection mimosa. Tastes like pimple farm archipelago.

Tastes like something invented on the Island of Samos, mostly found in the Southern United States and Ohio.

Tastes like I haven't seen a can in years and I've been pretty vigilant.

Tastes like sleeping naked in a tent in the jungle, probably not alone.

Tastes like equal parts Hawaiian Punch and venereal disease.

Tastes like you might still find it at Hasty Market, or Shoppers' World in Brampton across from the Transit of Venus.

Tastes like noble savage, Otahete on a wooden Western tongue.

Tastes like common flowers named for Frenchmen.

Like red with bubbles. Like definitely not alone

WESTERN PARADISE DRIVING SCHOOL

Say yes every day.

Say yes to durango, with brio. Say
yes to panhandle.

Say yes to sno-bliz at the mercado. Yes
to drive-thru dacquiri and yes,
yes, yes to Styrofoam.

Yes to sharp-cut circles
of hawk and slick
slip of cottonmouth. Yes

to stink of cucaracha. Say
yes to the Dollar General. To his military discount. Say yes,
I have prayed for our troops today.

Say yes to road construction
next six miles on the Eye-ten. Say yes as you pass
roadside churches, roadside monuments to girls
with short names: Amy, Joy.

Say yes to owner-operator.

Say yes in the warm
glow of orange alert. Under
the matrimonial oak.
Over the rainbow, and
on the Bible.

Say yes to white cars and black cars and red cars and silver cars.
Silver cars with pop-bottle bumpers
and soybean seat fillers. Silver
cars on Elysian Fields, silver
cars over floodlines.

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