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To Veganism

You fucked me in the ass
With your guilt pangs
And your damned ambivalences
Does it matter? or Do they care?
Repeatedly
From the beginning
You were a force
That gradually overwhelmed me
Like a disease
A cancer
Slowly pervading my being
You drenched me in the turmoil and
Sewer-water of asceticism
You put me on Nietzsche's bad side
for Christ's sake.

But somehow
(and somehow I saw this how)
after time
I began to like your smell
Cold, acidic
Cleansing my sinuses like cilantro
And the cold sharp slap
Across the face
In the presence of brie,
I developed, through you
A new identity

Compassionate
Caring,
Closer to my dog

(a big difference for a small thing)

A new structure even
And a joyously masochistic taste
For resisting temptation.

By Matt Homan