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I had a price gun
 once
 ran around
 ascribing weakly
 glued value
 to all things
 I encountered.

my heart

weak in my throat
 an unset ramekin of pudding
 back of my tongue

kindness cost
 five cents,
 cool apathy
 fifteen dollars.

lips taut
 lest it leave on the carpet
 watery stain to hide and say

keep it in
 a vague
 lie

true confidence
 was tagged
 more
 for novelty
 than worth.

it was only him
 and too much fruit again, you know how he gets
 never could learn a lesson, that boy

ripe-peach
breast,
Best Before.
The adhesive
came up
Defiantly.

it doesn't matter

when there's a mottled bruise you put it down and pick
another

learn a lesson
you know how he gets

that brutal look
in their eyes:
\$2.50 in red
final markdown,
all must go.

put it down and pick another
never could learn a lesson, that boy
that boy
learn a lesson impurity is a malady

I stuck one
off to the side
in my elbow
for later:
warranty void.
Not overly eager
to employ it.