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Eve

She's no super market apple,
waxed and polished
to look good under fluorescent light,
bruises and flaws hidden; tasteless
as photo-shopped women in the tabloids
at the end of the check-out line.
She's a freckled, dimpled country girl,
naturally pretty in sunlight
like an apple on a back yard tree,
sweet, but a bit tart at the same time,
an apple that holds the knowledge
of good and evil and vacillates between,
delicious and tempting,
the offering of a serpent with good intentions,
the apple of its gleaming eye.

-Larry Schug
Avon, Minnesota