

Cavity

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i'm screwing on the Listerine lid
with refining mask on my face
when Larry asks me
 what do i think about
when i brush my teeth?
 ...as if he cared

i almost laugh
 because i swear
i could swish
and burn
 with a smile on my face
 forever, just thinking about my
 dental hygienist

 his pretty hands
rubber gloved
 flossing my teeth.

the strawberry taste of
 fluoride gel, my mouth puddles
 with drool at the sound of

 his perfect ivory
voice telling me
i brush too hard.

i think about

those little
x-ray tabs.

he tells me
to bite
and hold still.

then i pop them out
with my tongue,
on cue.

i would do anything
for my dental hygienist.
even brush softer and floss.

i spit in the sink and say to Larry...

i think about getting my teeth whitened...

