

# 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...*

