Pink

by Bill Yarrow

Among the cherry trees, they fell in love. Later that month, he took her out for deep pink soup and pale pink tea. Together they peeled and fed each other pink fruit, ordered expensive pink beef, went on vacations and viewed pink sunsets on paradise beaches. His memories included pink medicine, pink taffy, pink panties, pink lips. Hers included pink bubbles, pink slippers, pink horses and pink sheets. Neither could imagine a heaven untinged with pink. They were right: the afterworld is splendiferously pink, the exact color of a child's new wound.