

# Dürer's Eve

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The consequences follow from here:  
the shine of forbidden knowing  
the apple soon offered to Adam  
the twined Serpent's hidden fangs  
the omniscient God off elsewhere  
the enjoined tree gravid with fruit  
the sun's half-light off reddish-brown hair  
the flawless radiant skin  
the inviting pursed red lips  
the apple's crisp ripe roundness  
the knowing unavoidably to come  
the pain knowledge will never satisfy  
the pose of Eve's determination  
the sinister temptation in her left hand  
the arresting essential iconography  
the coming expulsion to mortality  
the art's suspended eternal pause  
the gentle innocence of her eyes  
the dark shadowed forest behind her  
the world becoming musky with death  
the Divine scheme's fixity  
the what-might-have-been  
the Godhead's complex rebus  
the bitten apple later fallen to earth.

