

# City Meat

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Honey fin vinegar coagulates in rinds  
Beneath the dorsal incisions  
Of red snappers, flaccid on porcelain slabs  
Tangled in jellied window hooklands  
Flourished with Rastafarian garlands  
And brown glass bottles of colic milk stout

Bluish drums of bloated white fish bellies  
Greying cattle tongues and pig hocks  
Are left at collection points in commerce zones  
And loaded onto corroding junk yard flatbeds  
Bleached of slobber offal with power hoses  
Internal meat shanks for Sheffield boil down houses

