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## AN APOLOGY TO YELLOW AND PINK

*Jenna Barnett*

This is the semester I take  
slowly. Second sermon Sundays,  
and side of the road sunsets,  
apologizing for the many times  
I blasphemed yellow and pink.  
I do not start letters with,  
“I’m sorry it took me so long,”  
I thank God with my mouth full,  
and I do not forget the cilantro.

I thank God for my mouthful.  
I take the back road to Walmart  
on a Carolina snow day, risking it all  
for bacon, Merlot, and two avocados.  
In the morning we wake up hungry  
and proud, our shoeless footprints  
surrounding the house--  
as naked as the cat’s  
but circular and shaky.

This is the semester I feel  
the snow between my toes,  
but not the coldness.  
It is only now  
that I have noticed  
the noontime nests at the top  
of winter’s naked trees.  
This is the semester I take  
the access road all the way to Georgia.