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A Scream

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Red rose redolent, alive
like the books
thoracic discs, knuckles, not.
What's the symbiosis here?

There is none.

Apples succulent, limbs ossific
leaves living, pelvis pulverizing
words enduring, eye sockets vacant
print of permanence, scream of loss
words ever resilient, brittle bones silent
post mortem illiteracy