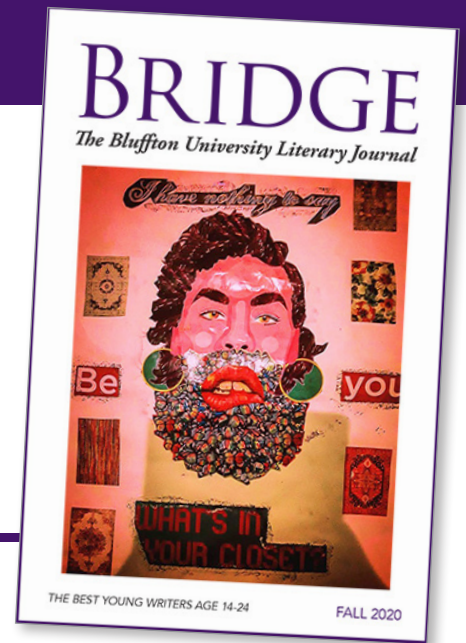


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SHARING ORANGES

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If tomorrow there is dancing,
Then today I can eat fire fried rice,
Cooked inside fragrant shells of bamboo
Among jungle stilted homes in Madura

Now I have hope: Yesterday, those oranges
I split and shared with Claudia,
tasting her changes to light
In the dawn air, my tongue aglow
With honey-amber pods,
Spitting tear drop seeds.
Such dusty time capsules
Spread root into my future's fruit.

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