

Poetry

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cappuccino hugs
a chicory kiss
a dance of sugar, powdered
resplendent
upon beignets
and fingers,
invariably

dreaming
of home, when times
were different
when days were warmer,
comforting,
more full of *life*
dreaming

of a time
before talk of a
surgery,
a tube,
came to light.

before
hunger, the painful gnaw
rumble, gurgle, grumble, *grr*
an onomatopoetic chorus
her only lullaby

before awakening now
in this cold room
bland
and bleak
hungry,
like the day before

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