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**Factory Reject**

I did it for the look in his eyes,  
the tenderness in his hands  
or just a mutual surprise. It wasn't  
so bad: I've always liked hotdogs.  
This one's like a factory reject,  
all misshapen but still meaty.  
I'm tempted to think this  
a sacrament they deleted.

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