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### **A Refusal to Pass the Salt**

You're looking very ghastly today  
my sweet, I say, and the strawberries  
in the open fridge  
rot. We are having breakfast.  
I know you are here because the room  
has blurred at the edges or maybe my  
vision has and besides that I am  
getting to don woolen things  
in July, thank you, darling.

The strawberries are wearing  
coats of white as well, fuzzed and wing-  
ed like antiquity. Yet you have already  
moved on to the cartoned eggs.  
I eat my cooked ones.

I told a good pal about you over  
some type of herbal tea, looseleaf,  
and they wanted to know: do you bring me  
gifts? On purpose?