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Bones

The bones, too. Eat the bones too.
Eat the leaves of strawberries;
do not bite the fruit off and throw the rest away
as if the plant grew itself with the intention of being easier
for human hands.
Soft salmon vertebrae melting into my jaw like warm chalk,
and taking bitter green with the sweet red
shifts my perception of creation entirely.
This is a lesson in scarcity, abundance, and
reclaiming relational nourishment
from what civilization calls trash.