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ROLY-POLY OLEO

She was a roly-poly oleo girl
With heavy, flabby flanks
And bottom, an Irish girl
Whose teeth were the color of brown
Marble and hair of dirty copper.

She was ballooned like a bloated
Heart that keeps on pumping and pushing
Even when overburdened and stretched out
Of shape. She never met her match
At talking or fighting.

We would dance and play and hug
And joke, and I remember wondering one
Night whether or not she was wearing
Deodorant and if I should tell
Her, friendly like, about her sweaty stink.

Finally I had to leave and hurt
Her a little then, rather than
A lot, later. I'm sorry
I didn't sometimes get beyond
The heavy, flabby flanks, and bottom.

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