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[Rebecca Chadwick]

[Robert Kelly]

Ode: Resiliency

Something must be forked over.
I am uncertain about

the pricing. You caused the
grocery store's chilled apples

to bruise as you brushed past.
I am not sure about

all this. Your response may
fail. A hiss I will not hear

among the produce. It is
a shame how my fear has

grown easy.

But am I the one
so many people are bothered by

ways I sign my name in the
ordinary flesh

paying attention to other situations
things that aren't me

furrow something, make something
in the heart's commotion

cool and green in there, still
faded, it was how I knew myself best

now, as if I were somebody else.

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