<u>Sap</u>

it starts so smooth, sweet, and circular. an immaculate apex atop an upside-down, edible a-line skirt; perfectly poised upon the valley under a pyramid of empty profit.

and then it begins to drip.

loving life is a long and laborious litigation inside its ever-increasingly illicit, inarticulate, and inverse **body**. fighting for fairness of substance against a constant friction; even as it effaces, it resists entering nonexistence senselessly.