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Green plums
never ripen
in Romania.

Bruised, brutal
with purple scars,

They are hurled
at bleak factories
and party headquarters.

The juice splatters
in violent confusion.

They are
not like
the plum blossoms
of Basho:

Epiphany after
bitterest cold;

Poetry,
inner light.

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