

The Pear

It was still life
before someone ate
the pear,
before someone turned
off the light,
before the flower was
put in water,
before it wilted.
Still life prior to
the children upsetting
the two books
lying artistically next to each other,
before they colored in
all the o's and a's
on the cover and left them
out in the rain.
Still life
before anything moves
when it is still
when the statue casts
shadows on the table
when the fruits caress
the skin of the other fruits,
when the wooden table
is full.