

Forbidden Fruit

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Two of Cézanne's apples
fell out of the picture.
I took a bite of each

and put them back
with that side towards the wall.
I want to know if biting

apples is still a sin
since we now wear clothes
and do you think the painting

is worth as much
as it was? Certainly
not to Cézanne who

is out of the picture.
Don't laugh, it happens
whether you paint

or eat. Only
Cézanne's apples
remain.