



rump + flank

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when children loved vegetables

*when their feet were bare
rough from days of running
on sun-cracked ground
the mud clumped
over toes as they
wandered through watered gardens
pulling sweet carrots
from their homes
tossing lace tops to the wind
unthreading peas
\+ stopping beans
like snakes across
the earth + remember
at the end of it all?
crisp stalks of rhubarb
(leaves big as me)
dipping into bowls
of white sugar, eyes
\+ crystal mouths
pinched tight
as the tongues sour*

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