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Born, being a banana
is nothing extinctly strange
and yet you think it is.
Making friends with a monkey
was pure accident by your
lack of experience
as your unforeshadowed whim
let him fondle with your
skin, until at last,
in lust
he peeled away your pride.
And merciless he ground
his filthy feet and stained
your dress of beliefs
frantically into the dirt
as your unheard cry,
warning fellow bananas,
bellowed out in vain.
It'll happen to the best of them, too.