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Ode to a Himalayan Blackberry **by Marcos Hernandez**

To thee, O' most loved and loathéd berry!
The sight of thy blackness stirs my hard heart
A brew—sour sweet—of memories varied.
The touch of thy thick thorn tears me apart,
And I become actor of the child's art.

To thee, O' most loved and loathéd berry!
The taste of thy sour blood tugs my stone soul
Awake—softly off sweet Lethe's ferry.
Thy aggregate forms from thy cane I stole,
These shall be my currency come next toll.