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# Juxtaposition

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Paris

# Red Rachel Bomser

Crimson is your favorite perfume  
wafting down the hallway and radiating from your body.  
Rose is the smile that spreads across his face  
when he hears your voice.  
Fire engine is the heat that sizzles on your ears and behind your eyelids  
as the sun beats down and penetrates your skin.  
Wine is stepping into a burning bath,  
the bubbles boiling and settling around your feet.  
Mahogany is the smooth and creamy chocolates  
gifted by your lover that melt down your throat  
and settle in your stomach to join the butterflies.  
Strawberry is the fuzz that appears on your tongue  
after your face scrunches in distaste from the sour candy.  
Garnet is a cinnamon heart, a chili, or a spicy jalapeno,  
Leaving an inflamed tongue that craves creamy milk.  
Candy apple is your favorite band entering the stage,  
sparking a roar of applause that explodes in your ear and sizzles  
throughout your body.  
Delicious is your favorite fruits;  
juices dribbling out of your mouth and onto your legs as you sink your  
teeth into its crisp skin.  
Burgundy is the rustle of leaves crunching underneath your boots  
as you venture through the bare wooded trees.  
Red is everything.

*Juxtaposition: Elizabeth Cornfeld*