

The Mango Tree  
a highly praiseworthy fruit-producing society of leaves  
erected in favour of  
North Queensland

where the usually available lovable fruit  
(not great mounds of green rats hanging by their tails)  
are annually conceived by successive governments  
to educate and stimulate, glorify and decorate  
the meaning, life and purpose of our subjective state -  
awarded as prizes, pressed in books, recorded in the office of births  
and deaths, of titles, of biography, of Who's Who in Mangoes,  
the Biggest Mango, Tales of Mangoes, Great Mangoes of the World  
and the Inner Life of the Mango, the Loves of Mangoes, the Dreams and Lusts  
and Insane Cavortings of Mangoes, Mango-Heroism, Mango-Idealism,  
Mango-Militarism, Mango-Jingoism - drooled upon, slept upon  
hoarded, fingered, felt, deposited in banks, posted in letters  
(our truest and best emissary), held aloft in churches, prayed to,  
lectured on, studied in schools and stools, peeled, stripped,  
poked, licked and gobbled, looked up to, looked down on  
as they fall and carpet the golden sward  
of sun-drenched clay-pan,  
paddock and yard,  
turning mellow  
as skins yellow  
in prize  
demise  
for God  
for Queen  
for Joh  
(19% of  
the votes)  
for Country  
for all the World  
(Mangoes ueber alles)  
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