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After Eden

I'm done.
I'm so done.
From now on,
you pick the fruit.
We'll soon see
if you can meet
your own standards
in the produce department.
Grapes should be round,
apples oval.
Pears should be firm,
but not hard.
Peaches, too.
Citrus, the same.
Bananas should be not quite ripe
and over seven inches long.
Berries should have enough
wobble-room to be mold-free.
Melons should respond well
to the flick of a finger.
So go ahead
and help yourself.
Meanwhile,
I'll be checking out
the wine aisle.

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