

Having it All



I AM SPOON.

SUBMERGED IN OATMEAL –

I TAKE ITS TEMPERATURE.

MY FACE TASTES YOUR SOUP,

CUSTARD AND FANCY FEAST

BEFORE YOU OR YOUR CAT CAN.

I PRY LIDS AND MIRROR

THE TEENAGER DABBING LIPSTICK.

I AM BABY'S FIRST UTENSIL TO DROP,

THE LAST TO RECEIVE GRANDPA'S FRENCH KISS,

AND I'M A CRUCIBLE FOR SMACK.

HOWLIN' WOLF CRACKLED MY PRAISES.

UNLIKE MY VIOLENT OR INDECISIVE SIBLINGS,

ALL DISHES YEARN TO ELOPE WITH ME.

AND BECAUSE EVERY ROMANCE STARTS

WITH A MEAL, I AM THE SILVER TONGUE

THAT FIRST SLIDES BETWEEN LOVERS' LIPS

AND TO TASTE DESIRE WHILE ITS

SWEET, NEW.

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