

Nine Ways of Looking at an Orgasm

Ginnye Cubel

I.

Pumping the pedals of your bike until the apex of the hill
throws you down.

II.

Two trumpets hitting an identical note—
reverberating.

III.

Ash branch bending and pending the crack, pliable limbs
giving before the rupture.

IV.

Biting through the crisp casing of buoyant plum flesh
until the juices
trickle down your cheek.

V.

Predawn caw of the blackbird, trembling the farmer's
bones as he collects the eggs.

VI.

Ice cream, crisp and cool,
scooped from the barrels
disfigured and seamless.

VII.

Railroad tracks by mistake crossed, the trains
impact and leave nothing.

VIII.

Book slammed in hush.

IX.

Blueberry streusel crumbs on dark wood tables.
One sweep of the hand
and they're gone—