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Ode to the Tongue

Drawbridge sewn to jawbone.
Axe handle. Diviner of speech.

Median muscle. Axis muscle.
Taste-maker.

Fibrous changeling.
Backyard conjurer.

The silver tongue coaxes.
The fork tongue seduces.

The tongue twister teases.
And the tongue tied twitter.

Pierced treasure.
Silver pearl supine in its center.

Secret keeper. Crass eel.
Tamer of sweet breath.

Collector of sweat.
Desire lives on the tongue's tip.

A goliath.