

## INTERNET HEADLINES AND ICED MONTANA PLUMS

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*Long necked dinosaur didn't reach for the skies,  
the experts say.* But I wonder how anyone can know  
if they did or did not stretch towards a braided beam  
from black moons, or long for a taste of clouds.  
What is it that we know? When my bones  
are unearthed a hundred centuries later,  
who will know what was beyond  
my reach? Or what was within  
my yearn? Might be I picked iced plums  
in the early beat of winter, wrapped them  
in newspaper and sent them in a box of straw  
across the Salt Flats through the Delta corridor,  
just in time to reach him as he woke  
to another crowded morning, yearning for a taste  
of me, a taste of mountain snow. Perhaps  
the *montanitoba native* plum could no longer  
grow in Montana, experts might say,  
when they unearth the tidy row of plum pits  
he planted in Manhattan's rocky soil.