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## Slices of Heaven

By Katie Oswald

Melodious Mandarin,  
you are the melt in my  
mouth orgasm of  
springtime. Ribbed for  
her pleasure.

How your name flows  
sweetly off my tongue,  
and the sight of you—  
a shimmering constellation,  
a ray of light—  
delicious butterfly,  
how I long to devour  
You.