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the jalapeño incident

there's something hysterical
about a mexican
throwing a jalapeño
at his good wife
a firm bright specimen
sailing historically
through the kitchen
cracking open on her elbow
like an egg on the edge of a bowl

it's funny
until you consider her
cowering in the corner
on the floor
against the wall again

funny unless you have a list
of items thrown at her
over the years
a water bottle, half empty
tapioca pudding, spoon included
a ukulele
an end table

it's easy to laugh off flying produce
if you ignore her
on the bathroom floor
all the weight of her heart
against the door
wondering what follows
a furious jalapeño