

Frogs / Ann Kelleher

After the tadpole stage
frogs take as long as five years to mature.
Some survive to forty
frequently changing skins by tugging
them from toes to heads
into their mouths.

Their tongues are fastened
in the fronts of their wide jaws
pointing backwards
until they flip them out to catch insects.

All frogs have teeth
but their eyes are the real keys
to their digestion.
Thin skin separates the eyes from the throats.

When frogs eat
they close their lids
to push the bulging eyeballs down
against the trapped insects

forcing them
through their throats into their stomachs.

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One digger wasp, *Philanthus*
or “Bee-Wolf”
eats only honey bees.