

**Reading The Alexandria Quartet
(While Building the House in Spain)**

me gusta subir con una manzana
para observar así masticando
la dura textura de la fruta
la obra y el progreso que hacen

Pursewarden too was fond of apples
the apples he ate while he worked
all the cores they found in his unkempt room
littering the floor, under the bed

Originally appeared in *The Citron Review*
Fall 2010
<http://thecitronreview.wordpress.com/>