

Persimmon and Pine Trees by a Stream, Hoitsu (Japan) 416#

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sometimes astringent, glowing, deep
orange globes, inconspicuous
flowers fall and become closures
like new, frilled buttons
persimmons called *Kaki, Fuyu*
Hichaya, Tamopon
what to do in the West
with these jewels of juice?
proud leaves, ancient from
Asian plains, here kissing, whisking
brushing the hot orange
drums with pine boughs
2 fold pleasure
of infinite and
O so quiet beauty



ERIKA WILK

I will be there
to harvest
acknowledge their beauty
and gently coax them
into cookies

DEBORAH P KOLODJI

trickles of water
from spring streams --
nothing of our home remains
but the lingering taste
of persimmon

Illustration by Ross Anthony after Hoitsu