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The Problem with Joining a Scotch Tasting Club

is that the cheap stuff loses its zip,
breaks on your tongue like glass,
pours along the sides -- yellow
Listerine. No wonder

people think they don't like it!
My friend who grows cognac says:
You drink the good stuff when you want it.
What he actually says is something like:

*On bois ce que on veut boire
quand on le veut. Period.*
Drink what you want
when you want to –

life's too short to wait or rush.
Don't be like my mother, saving
fancy soap I gave her
nearly 20 years ago

It's been in the bathrooms
of two houses, now an apartment
sitting on its little throne
to be saved for a Special Day

that will never come
because I'm too precious,
I'll never break like glass,
I'll always be there

even if sometimes I miss
Mother's Day

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