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This Word Has No Word For It

This word is unpronounceable.
Translated roughly,
it means bluster of breath.
Spell it as you wish.

This is the first word in words.
It means *love*
in any language.
And rhymes with nothing.

This is a dirty word.
Nobody knows what it means.
Class, linguistics
is not an exact science.

The word for blood
actually tastes like blood,
a real jaw-breaker
better left unsaid.

And this word will get you killed.
You spit it at your enemies.
Repeat after me:
This is the word for silence.