

car wash

I nudged
the gear shift into neutral,
drifted into the gaping yawn
and found myself
cruising through a stomach,
foamy acid dribbling,
mucous curtained muscles rubbing,
roiling sudsy churning contents
of digestion sloshing, blurred in battle.

Suddenly hot gas erupted,
blasted heartburn hard
until it burped to jolt
my shiny car into the sunlight
to excuse me as I drove away.

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