
Forbidden Fruit

I



Jacob Adler, 2025 (paintings by Andrea Molinari)

Enjoy a refreshing Mango,
such a wonderful juice

Or a bizarre-looking Mangosteen,
with its deep purple shell

Or the red-and-yellow spiky Rambutan,
with its translucent flesh

Or the aromatic Durian,
with its dangerous look

Or the flavourful pineapple,
used in many favourite cocktails

Or the succulent Pomelo,
sour-sweet from pale yellow to red

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II



Share some orange coloured oval Papaya,
or eat it as a sam tam salad

Have a spoon of delicious Dragon fruit,
the unearthly fruit of a cactus plant

Or some tropical Guava, or Farang,
with its exotic taste and jellie

Or the waxy meat of Jackfruit,
eaten raw or fried in batter

Eat some Langsat, Longan or Lychee,
excellent first thirst quenchers

Or the hard brittle snake fruit,
crack it open and dissolve into its Taste

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