

# Sweet psalm

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Good lost word, *succor*.  
As an infant mouth pulls  
sweet need from the breast.  
*Sucker*: that child,  
or a loser. Or a gull—  
someone fooled. Gull's  
a sea grace too, a diving  
shelter wing. *Sucker*:  
sweet on a stick. Sticky.

Dive and warm me, sweet  
Grace. Feed me, help me.  
Don't fool me, don't lose me.  
Be my *succor*. Stick to me.