

Paeon to the Chicken Meniscus

what is that little thing
neither meat nor bone nor gristle
soft enough to crunch, dissolve and satisfy
slightly yellower than its surroundings
nestled in its half-cave beside
or jutting above thigh-bone end?

once, briefly, I thought it might be kneecap
but wrong end
I guess it's meniscus

whatever it is, that distinctive, tasty cushion
always affords delight
when I find and consume it