Let Us Feast at Poetry’s Table
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Let us feast at Poetry’s table –
Let us taste each seasoned dish –
Savory words – buttered, herbed;
Sweet words and dissolving powders;
Words with crunch, spice, bitterness;
Words like the hard pits of olives –
Like fish bones pricking the throat;
Words like bread and wine;
Earth’s salt and heaven’s water.

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