

Syrenka

In the rain  
this polish cafeteria serves wall colored food:  
wood-grained and golden brown, yukon yellow, burgundy and pink  
lonely  
serving placki and kielbasa.  
The waitress, pale  
blonde hair like sauerkraut,  
speaks smiling, broken English.  
Stuffed cabbage bubbles  
beneath the lid of a double boiler metal cafeteria tray.  
Steam rises from the counter.  
The rain pours down  
through the blue light mid-afternoon  
beyond the tilted metal blinds of the glass door.

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