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DREAM OF DAILY BREAD

It is clear as stainless steel.  
The preserved words and prosciutto  
aren't yours; you're just holding them.  
Familiar intruders come bearing sausage machines.  
Women give helpful advice,  
then empty the pantry. Preserved cabbages lie,  
the arugula crawls like a spider.  
You realize escargots are hermit slugs,  
the knife in your eye, your mother's,  
the breath of life, garlic.

Suddenly emerging from water  
you have trouble reading Shakespeare aloud.  
The colander is balanced on your head.  
It is clear as poetry,  
the motherhood of this,  
the fruit we bear.