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Bord för En*

Please sit. This is your table. It stands
rooted to the earth. Like the Galapagos
where for centuries the flightless cormorant
harbored. Without fear of predation.
We too to have one special
today: safety. it comes with a side of sky,
over the russet bed of a fallow field
where we promise you will be left
utterly alone. We will send over your meal via cable
in a wicker basket. We place a little checkered cloth over it
like the print from Dorothy's dress in which she was swept
far from any world she knew. What else
is available? Sorry, we're out
of assurances. Yet even in the whirlwind, it is still
the safest restaurant in the world.
If when your food arrives, a sparrow alights,
we would appreciate it if you offer her a little bread.
A bit of water from your glass.
She has come so far to be with you—and it takes
so little to show you have not forgotten
your humanity
at home.

Bord för En* is a Swedish restaurant that was recently opened during the pandemic. The restaurant is a single table in a field, and the food is sent via a cable in a basket. Only one person per day is served.