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### Poetry: Bord för En

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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.