

## Ode to a Kitchen Appliance

*O guardian of the quotidian*

*asleep in the kitchen corner*

*Heaven and Ocean have furnished their bounty*

*and the good Earth hath provided*

*a myriad of fresh comestibles*

*that nourish and delight the eye.*

*Time, the Great Destroyer and Preserver*

*offers labels 'Behold! Eat within three months'*

*I bow to them and yet ignore their pleas.*

*Stoop Angels from the skies and sniff*

*the hardened spills, the mould on shelves*

*meat buried at the back in all its vivid putrescence:*

*a shameful insult to your very raison d'être*

*a slight, a monstrous blight on you*

*O White Good, O Fridge.*

