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## SUMMER

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2 women in hairnets  
Turn to each other and shout secretly  
Over the factory's roar  
Glaring at me  
As I stop my cart  
To make the machine operator laugh.

After lunch,  
I am reprimanded by  
My lab supervisor  
Who was notified that I  
Wasted company time  
Somewhere along line 12.

Now it is October  
And I am back at school.

But the women of line 12  
Are still there,  
Packing bags of Cheese Nips into boxes  
And ensuring that the temporary help  
Never drop out of college.