TRANSNATIONAL LITERATURE

из России

Alitalia: hazy, like Nan & Pop's ... Rome: the taxis! the cats! ... Moscow's gilt mocks, McDonald's', too: one goddamn Big Mac 'meal' = one month's wage! ... Fifty dead presidents for genuine black market sailor shirt: itch -y, made from wool ... Gypsies nearly whoosh our bus in Pushkin ... Saint Petersburg → Karelia train star-red, ash-blond scouts snooze like speechless speech marks ... Lake Ladoga: icebox; MOSQUITOES; white nights bewilder Siberian cedars ... Kath & I boomerang to demountables: 'Il y a un beau garçon là-bas': Ilya's cheeks borscht-pink ... T's headphones' Cure: 'through the dark your eyes shine bright & burn like fire burn like fire in Cairo' ... **I ♥ zh** ... Homesick for Hobart ... с любовью

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*note: 'из России с любовью' is Russian for 'From Russia with love', 'Il y a un beau garçon là-bas' is French for 'There's a handsome boy over there'