

S. DALI KITCHEN

The walls are painted Primavera green
the curtains are brisk white organdy,
the oilcloth on the floor is De Hooch clean.

(A huge black beetle crawls upon the sink)

The pots are copper-bottomed hung to graze
in rows of sheep above immaculate stove,
the canisters are schooled on shelves in ordered size.

(The beetle runs, evades the frenzied blow)

The virgin lifts the snowy sink top up
to stare at hollow's gaping, unplugged mouth
to midnight's labyrinth, uncharted on her map,

(through which the beetles are threading to and fro).

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