

FAMILY-STYLE DINNER

By Ayaz Daryl Nielsen

home-cooked meal
friends and neighbors
elbows on table

teaching to shake
the hand
that hesitates
the hand,
I've realized,
that's mine

one as would wander
we tell stories about her
a mindful grandeur

the evening rumbles
incomprehensible change
a day's leftovers

GRANDFATHER'S GRIN

Listening to all things he
chose to share with me
To this day, flapping my
arms as geese fly south,

animated arguments
about politicians with
crow and magpie,
reaching from our
ancestral roots
with nourishment
for Spring buds,
flitting with honey bees
building new hives
Just, you know,
helping
with things
as we all do.

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