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*I've just been shopping in the
wrong kind of store*

*Those shining places
with background music*

*And well-planned gourmet shops
with English tea*

*Their fruits and vegetables
sheltered in cellophane*

*Hygienic, well managed,
the most for your money*

*But no time for people
and nothing quite real.*

*Have you ever shopped
in a really old store*

*With smells of cheese
and barrels of things*



*Not restored for tourists
as a holiday place*

*I mean the kind that has
bumpy floors*

*And people with aprons
and time to talk*

*Where old women gather
as they have for years.*

*I think I'll try
to find one again*

*And take my time
and weigh things out*

*And maybe some shopper
will come along*

*Inhaling and thinking
and reaching out*

*For the very same things
that I'm reaching for*

*For food, or laughter
and an answering gleam*

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