

# Spring for Poetry in Takoma Park

## *My Mother Reads Poetry*

2 packs thin ready-rolled pastry sheets

2 coffee cups butter melted

a kilogram of apples

1 cup biscuit crumbs

1 cup ground walnuts

2 coffee cups sugar

1 packet cinnamon powder

Wash the apples, peel  
and remove the seeds, grate

in large strips, mix  
with the sugar, the ground walnuts  
and the cinnamon.

Take a pastry sheet,  
grease it  
and cover it with another sheet.

Spread some of the apple mix  
over them and roll  
them together. Repeat  
with the other pastry sheets.

Grease them and bake  
over medium heat, until  
the top crust is red,  
and the bottom pink.

When you bake it, it's a strudel,  
but for now it's still a poem.

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