

# Spring for Poetry in Takoma Park



is a yellow, red, orange, black & green  
word. I got sardines at the dollar store  
where everything except sardines is more  
than a dollar, for sixty cents, as they should be  
my father used to take sardine sandwiches to work  
perhaps therefore, I love sardines when people  
used to talk about the subway, they'd say  
we were packed like sardines which sends a message:  
small, cheap, tightly packed, anchovies for the poor  
or you too can be colorful & inexpensive as

a really snappy, tiny bright blue convertible  
in which you can enjoy the good things about  
feeling like a sardine but maybe you'd rather  
be a striped bass or be a manatee with me  
or a grand whale, forgetful of nothing even  
being so big, the ocean's CEO, you'll take home  
a giant amount of cash when the ocean goes bust  
so you can share it even with the downtrodden  
sardines who get packed in cans in Thailand  
& shipped to the family dollar stores for Bernadette

Bernadette Mayer

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