

Jeannine's Kitchen

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Bring me to Jeannine's kitchen
where the pride of cooking
sweeps across her face, and
aromas pull you into their goodness.

The heart of our family
resides in this kitchen
where meals are prepared
smells linger and concerns voiced.

Jeannine's kitchen
features a steaming pot of soup—
fish or farmer's, simmering
on a six-burner stove
in a kitchen where colors combine like
the splatters on her artist canvas.

Food carries memories
for this family
of many yesterdays—
European immigrants arriving on boats,
warming baby bottles
to popping open bubbles of champagne,

while pabulum drips from baby lips
as artichokes cook, steaks sizzle
potatoes fry, asparagus boil
as chestnuts roast in her oven,
fresh strawberries, and
a glass of red wine to
ease the food down
gently and peacefully.

Jeannine glows
while strutting through her kitchen
amidst lingering aromas
and apple pie spilling over
in a hot oven which she tells
children not to touch,

but just to eat the pie
because this is what
warms her heart.

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