

Grease on my fingers, lettuce between my teeth,
I'm finishing an RLT.
What does R mean?

The counterman pours coffee.
The guy in black attacks his ratatouille.
What does any letter mean?

The RLT is no more.
I tuck fifteen bucks under the saucer.
A linguist comes up to me.

I stand and offer her my radish.
Her voice is sweet and low.
She wants to know what my radish means.

When I ask what she means by that,
she beseeches,
What do you want me to mean?

I garnish the radish with mayo, ketchup, and salsa.
We argue the R in RLT until they run us out,
meaning I ravish her lettuce with tomato.

ARS POETICA WITH AN **ACRONYM**

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