

## SYNTHETIC, THANK YOU

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I missed Thanksgiving  
    this year  
I listened to a  
    news cast  
    and felt too  
    nauseated to eat  
    the Pre-cooked turkey  
and the always  
    perfect, self-making pie  
    thank you

I sat before the  
    easy-light fire  
with glass to  
separate me from  
    the chemical flames  
and read  
    a fantasy story  
    about peace  
    and *real* food  
    and *real* fires . . .  
    thank you

but I'll turn over in  
    some electric-blanketed sleep  
and  
    short circuit  
Send my funeral notices as  
    Thank-you notes  
    thanks?