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## Incense

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*Bob De Smith*

The tang of hand sanitizer,  
The scent of granola  
(Peanuts and oats),  
The aroma of coffee,  
The whiff of barnyard;  
Casserole, cheesy with ham,  
I'm almost certain.  
Perfumes—the lavender  
Of blue hair,  
The musk of broad gold  
Necklaces on tan skin.  
Wine and bread.  
Can you smell tears,  
Whether salty with fear  
Or sweet with joy?  
Do praises have the aroma  
Of Aaron,  
Whether oil in his beard,  
Or stale sprinkled blood  
On his robes—  
The smoking wood  
And burnt  
Flesh?