

Ghazal

Thanksgiving Day Ghazal

A ghazal sounds like the gobble
of our once-alive turkey.

But the family also gathers around salmon,
and cookie-cutter-shaped tofu slices.

Tradition provides some basic symbols.
Family needs require adaptations.

But then we are not dressed as Pilgrims
or Native Americans either.

What really remains is memories of gathering
together, sharing blessings and thanks.

Feast of family and spirit.
Feast of abundance and love.

A ghazal sounds like frazzle—
our before and after celebration mood.

Ghazal: (gah-ZAHL) Persian. Loosely adapted by Americans. Couplet. In Arabic mono-rhymed, about love and drinking and the poet put the poet's name in the final couplet. In the contemporary ghazal they are usually long-lined couplets about anything.. They are rhymed and unrhymed. Often mystical thoughts. A good way to structure your thoughts. Two long lines and then a break. You can include your name in the last couplet. Originally of 5-12 couplets.