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*I've just been shopping in the  
wrong kind of store*

*Those shining places  
with background music*

*And well-planned gourmet shops  
with English tea*

*Their fruits and vegetables  
sheltered in cellophane*

*Hygienic, well managed,  
the most for your money*

*But no time for people  
and nothing quite real.*

*Have you ever shopped  
in a really old store*

*With smells of cheese  
and barrels of things*



*Not restored for tourists  
as a holiday place*

*I mean the kind that has  
bumpy floors*

*And people with aprons  
and time to talk*

*Where old women gather  
as they have for years.*

*I think I'll try  
to find one again*

*And take my time  
and weigh things out*

*And maybe some shopper  
will come along*

*Inhaling and thinking  
and reaching out*

*For the very same things  
that I'm reaching for*

*For food, or laughter  
and an answering gleam*

ANITA CHIRCO

