

Tastes Good

Victor Yin

I learned to cook in lockdown
My first grocery run by myself
done in hurried silence
oil, pepper, butter, soy sauce
Socially distant self checkout
Forgot to grab hand sanitizer, but it was out anyways
Full pantries from sparse shelves
Tastes of home away from home
No longer relatable recipe preambles
Meal prep in plastic containers but who
had prepared for a pandemic?



Modern Reality

Parham Elmi

We live in a world:
Evermore so connected,
But we're so alone.

Absence 1 by Sun Woo Baik