

# Thanksgiving

Sanchari Sur

My parents live on Micmac street  
detached house winding stairs backyard  
lush veggies from the subcontinent:  
eggplant bitter melon bottleneck gourd  
sweet flesh stems leaves shushshado  
two types of Bangladeshi chillies their heat  
for fish curries  
sweet-water fish rui paabda aar ileesh  
flown frozen from Bengal lakes  
across the Atlantic.

Give thanks to  
unfettered verdant soil  
sky.