



Maureen Stuart, *mmm . . . Leftovers*

## Bird's incongruity

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Behemoths hover, rhino and hippo,  
 over picnic fardels, abandoned,  
 remnants of a hamper of indulgence  
 teeth marks scar the watermelon  
 wine---spilled, cheese untouched,  
 berries, pears, grapes mock cupcakes.

mmm.....leftovers  
 clarions of excess strewn  
 on alien cloth—trample or sample?  
 Tight-lipped rhino glares: stomp  
 Bug-eyed hippo: 'let's eat'  
 Hippo calf agrees.

Humans were here, upset natural rhythm  
 urban delicacies sully the Renosterveld.  
 Leave gluttony to the hyenas, other scavengers,  
 mammoth herbivores please pass by,  
 wander off, desert dessert,  
 human alfresco should be  
 mmm.....leftover.