

## Eric Schwartz "Telltale Kitchen"

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The banana's lookin' brown except for where I left  
that sticker  
And the spice rack is empty 'cept for cinnamon, salt  
and pepper  
The tea in the jar is ten years old, Lemon Lint and  
Chamomold  
And the coffeepot is stickin' to the maker,  
Which is stickin' to the counter  
Soup-can sentinels guard the pre-colonial cupboard  
With hibernating honey, tins of tuna and cardboard  
crackers  
And now the brand new honey with the angel face  
Wants to come over and see my place  
And chewin' on a grape slash raisin I mull it over  
But I know it would kill the deal  
If she saw my Achilles' heel

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If you want her to stay you best keep her away  
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The microwave is broken  
The smoke detector's smokin'  
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Over in the fridge the mustard, catsup, mayonnaise  
and butter  
Have formed an uncanny resemblance to each other  
And the prehistoric bagels in the bag in the back  
Are hiding from the dairy on the death row rack  
As the fish flavored iceberg spawns upstream in the  
freezer

You would think that the sink wouldn't stink  
'cause it looks like it's hardly been used  
But who knows what grows in the disposal  
After years of beers half drunk get dumped  
And no-one's fixin' the water pump

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If you are what you eat  
Iâ€™m maggoty meat  
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The blenderâ€™s on a bender fermenting the remainder  
Of a porridge of origin too ancient to remember  
But mercifully the rubber cap is permanently stuck  
there  
So the substrate self-perpetuates ad-nauseainfinitum  
My ego is an ego sequestered in the freezer  
Like an Eskimo they leggo for beinâ€™ a grumpy geezer  
And the trough-full of drosophila assaulting the falafel  
Make the Amityville horde look like a hospital ward

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The garbage had grown  
A bouquet of it's own  
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