

Poetry Series

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# Catherine Rankovic(1963)

# Babushka

Flap of cotton or fine black wool  
spun to a sheen, magenta and yellow  
cabbage-roses printed on phantasmagorical  
greenery, or an aerial map of operatic  
paisley, colors bilious, choleric, sanguine;  
folded, two corners tied beneath the chin,

instantly estranges and ages,  
says, when the foreign face turns away, "I show you  
the garden you believe it is impossible I am."

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