

Bread

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How easy it is to make bread,
water
flour
air, and patience.
Salt and yeast are always optional,
but
today
we don't have the option of salt
as we are not allowed to reach the sea,
and
yeast,
yeast is a seldom treasure that rarely make it to the humanitarian aid trucks.

How easy it is to make bread,
water *we don't have,*
 the IDF cemented our wells

flour *four and a half hours in line to receive a kilo*
 instead, 120 of us were killed as we waited in line
 in fear and desperation

air *full of dust,*
 polluted with gas and the destruction of bombs,
 saturated with the sadness of dead bodies that could not be
 rescued

patience *can we be patient?*
 How dare can we be asked to wait?

How easy it was to make bread
when hands and hearts
massaged the dough of liberation.