

No More Tacos in Gwinnett County
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When the last brown footsteps
walked out of Garfield High School
for the second time,
Gwinnett County, Georgia declared
death to the taco stand.

No more dollar corn tortillas
satiating the appetites of
housekeepers, gardeners, leaf blowers,
waiters, peach pickers, janitors, nannies.
Giving them all a five minute taste of Juarez.

The tacos migrated to Philadelphia with hopes
of finding a friendlier and hungrier crowd.
Instead they found picket lines with
Philly Cheesesteaks holding signs.

A sub owner had followed Georgia with a sign of his own
“This is America. When ordering, speak English.”
In the kitchen, Manuel and Juan
diced peppers and onions in silence.

Paranoia and sign making spread to the Midwest;
a Butler County, Ohio jail had a sign pointing to it:
“Illegal Aliens Here.”

The steel bars shivered
because hunger for
revolution and absolution
only existed here.