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HOME

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CHIẾC BÀN  
VÀO  
MÁI ẤM  
THÂN YẾU

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TABLE

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*into*

BRYNA ANTONIA (Á THANH) CORTES

## *Seattle's Little Sài Gòn*

Fresh bánh baking,  
refrigerator hums.  
Red stripes through yellow,  
old and proud, the iconic nón lá.

Jackson and 12th street trails,  
swinging doors gift savory winds.  
Bowls of soup warming you  
with just a scent.

Markets of clamor,  
of every color.  
A chorus of languages,  
histories near and far.

Fruits, greens, mints,  
a whole aisle of spices.  
Items the same, or at least similar,  
create the table into a home.

We dream of walking between storefronts, connected paths.  
Friends of Little Sài Gòn to Mi La Cay,  
no division of wide blocks, spaced concrete.  
Centers and parks filled across generations.

*Bryna Antonia (Á Thanh) Cortes (she/they) is a Mexican, Vietnamese artist who focuses on using nature and play to foster cultural and community connections.*

## **POETRY IN PLACE**

Civic Poet Shin Yu Pai selected 5 poets from the local community for this public poetry project. Poems are installed in Belltown, Little Saigon, the Central District, South Lake Union, Greenwood, South Park, and downtown.

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