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The cafeteria is a jungle.
Wild animals scrambling for food.
Grunting like wild boars
Stampeding to the line
Devouring their prey
Cleaning their paws
and then returning to their dens.

Hope

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune—without the words,
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
Are sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
“I’ve heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

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