

# My Zion

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This was my Sweden:  
the Sweden I'd heard stories about,  
the Sweden I grew up with,  
the Sweden I'd visited.

This:  
mormors bullar  
sockerbiter  
choklad kakor  
jordgubbs torta

This was my Zion.  
This was my promised land.

Down-to-earth, simple, hearty, honest.  
A land not haunted by violence,  
A land not seething in frustration,  
A people not seduced by materialism.

Detta ar min Sion.  
Land of broken promises.

Detta:  
grafitti  
brott  
vald  
mord; Anna Lindh

Ett land med samma problem,  
problem som inte kan lösas,  
ett tyst, gråtande land.

This is my Zion,  
not altogether different from the troubled land I left.

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