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## Ikea

Long ago in days of yore It all began with a god named Thor There were Vikings and boats And some plans for a furniture store It's not a bodega, it's not a mall And they sell things for apartments smaller than mine As if there were apartments smaller than mine

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So rent a car or take the bus Lay your cash down and put your trust In the land where the furniture folds to a much smaller size Billy the bookcase says hello And so does a table whose name is Ingo And the chair is a ladderback birch but his friends call him Karl

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Ikea: plywood, brushed steel
Ikea: meatballs, tasty
Ikea: Allen wrenches
All of them for free
All of them for me

I'm sorry I said Ikea sucks I just bought a table for 60 bucks And a chair and a lamp And a shelf and some candles for you I was a doubter just like you Till I saw the American dream come true In New Jersey, they got a goddamned Swedish parade

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