

Asparagoethe

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Every dinner vegetable
has a randomness to its body (potato)
or, if it is an infinite clone of clones (corn)
a stochastic die rolls over its
pile on the plate (peas)

but for asparagus.

The tangent of the plate's edge (Euclid)
the axis by which the portions are measured (Descartes)
the sharply painted Enlightenment lines
where even the shadows are straight, bold (David)

columns of a calculating painter-architect
in the harvester's seed catalogue.

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