

*Chagall's Secret Rabbi*

This bumpkin has complete mastery  
over his village

no villains (except marginal ones)  
will ever find a job there

the bread is forever good  
the borscht eternally tasty

also, of course,  
the roofs never leak.

This rube is in love  
and nothing can disturb

the unshakeable sanctity  
of his inner world.

This galoot, truly innocent and all-wise,  
is too big for his sky,

but he couldn't care less if the painter didn't conform  
to the expected conventions.

He can *fly*.