

4. Seven eggs in Odessa

Filip is telling a story: how his grandmother spent some time in Odessa.

Sanziana adds certain details – some stories a couple tells.

After growing up in a village now in Moldova
she fled to study against her father's wishes.
She got sick and went to Odessa
or perhaps was there when it happened.

Tuberculosis. She knew she must eat or die.
Every day she ate seven eggs.
Then other things happened,
a change of regime, she had to go elsewhere.

There she met people, had children,
this story survived. It is being told
in another city, in another language,
after dinner, convivially.