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GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF

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alright-you've got one hour on the clock. on your mark. get set. || bake. bake bundt cakes, bavarian cream pie, bread & butter, batter a colony | | crème brûlée cracked, crème de la crème, cane crop, cut to cheery music | | dissolve yourself, absolve yourself, dip into a bowl of sugar & dilute | | 18 hour days, abstraction, extraction, they all fall down | | fold the dough, fold the memory, conceal the flavor, labor, make it flat | | grease the pan, grind the spirits, grind the spices | | half an hour to go, heat scorched, hot crossed, hasty | | icing hardens when it's royal, infused with infliction | | jelly, jam piped in swirls around land, jamaica, jaffa cake || knead the dough, push down and outward | | laugh at the reign, close up on the rain, liquidity, layered cake | | molasses, melted in a vat, machines mincing limbs making a mess | | nice sound when it hits the plate, nice sound when they hit the floor | | orange zest dripping down parchment, down parliament | | pull the legacy out the oven, prove the dough, prove it | | quiche, classic, quite a lot of them, quite more of us | | raw sugar, rum cake, reduce the rights | | saffron, cardamom, simmer down, there can only be one star baker, millions of soggy bottoms | | try a triangle cookie cut out, the trigonometric trade, a technical challenge upside down cake, top down cake, upright presentation, use whatever is at your station, use whoever you deem disposable || very much vanilla, very much not racist | | whipped, whisked, the west indies, anything for white gold | | xenophobic, exile out | | yummy in my tummy, sweet teeth, tick tock, times up | zero. bakers, bring what you've made to the front for judging.