

Hay(na)ku Dispatches From A Food Tracker

Labels —
mercenaries with
too much information.

Curse
you, Calories,
donut spots me.

Villain
bananas in
criminal cream pies.

Diet
soda — courtesan
in chemical boudoir.

Sugar
substitute — cheap
wig for tastebuds.

Rice
cakes — chewing
on bubble wrap.

Gouda,
cheddar, Havarti —
better than crack.

Apple
versus cupcake —
a tragic debate.

Deli
case minefield —
salami/ham grenades.



Burger
no bun,
handcuff my tongue.

Jumbo
pretzel dog,
lingering wet dream.

Butter
and bacon
Bonnie and Clyde.

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