

In Praise of Possessive Women

The average woman in love
 is usually standing harmlessly beneath his rib or
 is sometimes being removed from still cheeks or
 is absolutely wild when she's been crying but
 She never does seem to get a night's rest.

The male to whom she is given
 is absolutely whole when she lifts her shirt and
 although she doesn't always do it for him, even so
 he always finds another way to beguile her and
 She always ends up afraid knowing.

A woman's halves need balance:
 mostly, she should be unafraid of him and
 partly, she should be unashamed of Eve;
 she can assemble her prayers on these as
 She takes up the place he had withheld.

James Ernest Channen

America

At first she gives you an ulcer
 Then strains you to the limit
 At last days you flat with Tylenol
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 Almost pleased
 Sells you alibies for painless death

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 Gets to a second orgasm
 Looking at herself in the mirror.

Silvano Zamaro

Preoccupation at the Beach

Eugene and Harvey were down by the Sea
 (Rumour has it that they talked about me).
 Constance and Martha were down there too
 (I'm quite certain that they talked about you).

But it seems that the high tide came
 and filled their ragged lungs,
 Stopped their little red heartbeats
 and stilled their long, long tongues.

Scott Rogers

Introspect on a Gray White Winter Afternoon

Fuck, Fuck;
 Fuckity fuck!
 Fuck.

Marie Clifford

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