

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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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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