The Object of My Love

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Woman Applying Makeup, Ernst Neuschul, 1930

Madam, whom to 'objectify'
Is modern sin,

I can't, yet, help, faced with your feminine,

But view your form, your nape, your hair and thigh,

As beauty's definition; wired

In me, a deep imperative,

To seek this lovely difference, desired,

Despite my will, (though hoping you forgive).

May be, while we are other, we're the same,

Sharing the human species and its aim?

To super-add the person, who

Is who you are,

To your rare person, to increase so far

The pleasure of my conference with you.

To bestially efface her, I'd

Refuse the double privilege

Of human being, seeking to divide

Your nature and deny our lineage.

When you require my love to touch your skin,

You have me touch intelligence within.

So since, sweet love, imponderable

For us, that we

Cleave indivisible duality,

(And flesh a lens for better mutual

Knowing beyond our eyes) let's use

Our differing forms in Love's extreme

Articulation, bringing with it new

Endearment, causing even life to teem;

Obedient, let's consent to kiss and play,

Agreed rejoicing is the proper way.

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