

## We Are Vessels

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O young unbranded days,  
O light tossed-off ideas,  
whole, uncharted selves!

In storybooked cleavage above breasts and butt  
– back, front, and sides –  
are branded the fancy of a day or hour,  
keepsakes for a lifetime.

And what of tongues that wag less  
because of drain or pain or shame?  
Kick starts for a fall?

In twenty years, now baldies may lose it for real,  
colorful tattoo wrinkles and fades,  
tongues lose taste.

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