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## Heartfelt with a Camera

by *Mike Messenger*

oh valentine! I would leave a hundred  
pound genital on your porch, knock, and run  
to a tree behind which I would capture  
the laying bare of your little teeth, your  
brows forcing back the forehead, your nostrils  
dilating, your backbone uncontrolled.

it would be so avant to fix your garde  
before an innocent vulgarity.  
it would be a precious moment, precise  
valentine. oh! it's harmless and gaudy.

