

Body Work

Before she undressed me
she removed my watch
and ring. Then, with devotion
such as I had never seen,
she began at the top
and worked her way
down: shirt, tee shirt,
pants, shorts, shoes, socks.

When I was naked and
complete, she stepped
back to look at me for a long
time. Then she began
again at the top,
working her way
down with devotion
such as I had never seen.

-- William Virgil Davis

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For Those Advanced Enuf To Love

"what have I made of living
but to reach for life"

-- Edouard Maunick

all that I have
to celebrate
is in the kitchen
where I have learned
the plot of my life --

knives of airplane wings
forks of mathematics
spoons of conversation.

shipwrecks of cereal boxes
swamps of mason jar jelly
rainstorms of kool aid.

it is magic,
my life reached for
& placed before me --
the details of Christmas
are everywhere.

kitchen poetry, daily love
for those most advanced
in perception & celebration.