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AFTER COLLEGE I NOTICED

Things change.
We all
remember
expecting
to dance
with the moon
in this
very living condition.

I remember
that circle of
friends relaxed
constellation
around the fire around
the moon behind
my eyes still
glowing
growing
down an iridescent tube
waiting for me,
burning.

We tried, my friends
and I,
we still try
to love
others
in spite
of
wandering
wondering
if it all
just wasn't just
isn't like Rolling Stone said
in the name of
Decadence & Androgyny--all this
play in the woods
flying around
in the world
in our heads
our flouncy sleek stumbling pursuit
of gratification.

And we
ALL ARE ARE ALL
you remember
you recall
seeking pleasure pleasure seeking
drooling
stooling
clammering snoring
pacing staggering tramping
in the fog we
generate
by
our very
breathing.

In college
I recall learning
it was O.K. to mix.
Each to
her own brother
his own sister
her own sister
his own brother.

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