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Adrian Ernesto Cepeda: Three Poems

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Her Moon Over Los Angeles[1]

I love the way she leans against the balcony teasing over Sunset Boulevard, Chateau Marmont showing off her beautifully round skin, ready for me to honor her cheekiest glow; before my telescope lens angles her close up reminds me, even astronomers at Griffith Park Observatory would be focusing their eyes past Hollywood signs, as her sunset strips and traffic down below would try adjusting their mirrors she shines so eloquently already knowing I have the most perfect view our city of Angels; I wish you could feel, from the balcony as exhaust perfumes, how palm trees bow their heads to this beauty, as her fullest moon spreads softly for me.

[1]From the photograph Istantanea by Helmut Newton

Book Like My Woman

Although she tried to conceal it, I looked at her spine first; *

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Like a library book, she is often handled but never checked out – never judge a paperback by the front cover. Flipping

towards our introduction, I like to feel, running fingers up and down under the table of her contents. I rarely gloss over her glossary – Her dedications are equally essential. Sometimes, between the hanging end lines, are her most novel ideas— exhaled meaning from her quixotic prose. Give me

the rarest edition, wrinkled ear bent pages. Give me the anti-heroine protagonist -No damsels or princesses with crowns that never age. I want to find her middle spot, and dive inside, to unravel her erotic subplots. Give me the deepest climax and I will return, over and over to her, my favorite chapter. Tickling I love my tomes

heavy—I'm a hardback lover; opening up her pages like arms licking the edges and bookmarking her skin by showing how much I long to open her.

When Tilting Her Head

"I have loved many women. And as they've held me close... But the only one I've never forgotten is the one who never asked." – Renato Amoroso

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I forget all that my Mama said as we park, she takes me— breathless; I don't want to breathe when she takes our lead and miss a single irreplaceable taste, electricity down this spine, every snog like licking books when I turn pages, this reclining leather feels her, moves us backseat with every suction breath she syncs us closer, I can tell she is well read. I feel her rewrite my favorite chapter, I long to be her well-thumbed tome, I want to feel her face underneath my front cover, when tilting her head, I wish she would open her mouth, spread her lips wider and with every poetic moan, just swallow me.

Thank You Sarah Frances Moran

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