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## Patricia Cherin: "Last F\*cks"

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### Last fucks

The early ones are momentous  
 lovely in their way of course  
 but fraught with what the cliché  
 calls performance anxiety  
 what is really just coming to terms  
 with the crux of human experience  
 nuance, allusion, reference  
 here they are plain as day  
 what it means to be transcendent and  
 feral, god and animal all at once  
 to know finally  
 what the fuss is all about  
 I'm starting to rehearse now  
 the last time  
 the doing it after which  
 it will all be finally done  
 the last great fuck  
 is perhaps more poignant  
 than the first dear ones  
 the dark lust so clear now  
 no longer touch resents  
 its burden, always  
 carrying more than itself  
 many histories in every caress  
 even yearning is more so  
 because of accumulations and contexts  
 if ever there will be a knowing

it must be now  
after all the tryouts  
the dearest coupling happens  
tenderness and passion finally poised  
joy wisely accommodating  
touch will never be more sure  
or bodies more durable  
they are learned now  
and weighted with living and doing  
in the final familiar mysteries  
there is somber abandon  
such good practice  
for the near oblivion

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