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## Beauty & Beauty & Beast

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### Beauty & Beauty & Beast

Beauty and Beauty walk hand in hand  
 around corners down corridors  
 and through their little blissful heart-shaped day,  
 the Beast is passed in the very same place  
 which is, hence, a meat-packing institute.

Beauty and Beauty are tied in a knot  
 outside amidst luncheon and falling fire leaves  
 and halos of content engulfing sunlight,  
 and the Beast doesn't mean to but watches  
 out the window, a sit-com like a sedative.

Beauty is not only that, but crazy, infinite,  
 and bounding, and sharp: like candy,  
 and Beauty enveloped is not only that but  
 pure and radiant and clear and willow,  
 and they collect no dust only more and more beauty.

The Beast though is skunkish and moronic,  
 heavy and void and absolute bad breath;  
 a frog which kissed stays a frog; dirty diaper;  
 a tumor which begs to be severed and stomped out  
 before it impossibly but somehow taints Beauty.

Three exist in the light of the same sun,  
 in air which contains all their exhalings equal,  
 and in the worthless stink of the feeble, dull Beast  
 rise up, say thank you, praise ever Beauty  
 and Beauty, whose glorious smells slay the foul monster.

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