

MARLENE KADAR

Last Few Days Love Thee

Last few days love thee like I remember
soft shouldered man with strong wrists.

Last few days love thee like I speak
holding words and voice unfettered.

Last few days love thee like I mourn
time lost in furies not of our own making.

Last few days love thee like I sleep
in our bed.

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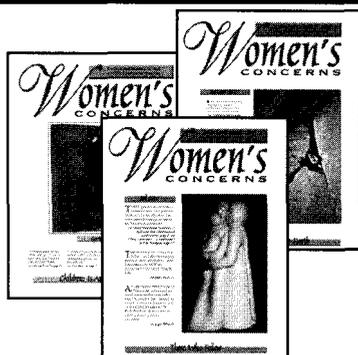
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Sweet little, pretty little
Jewish princess, fathered
and fathered and fathered
on weekends away, just him and her,
just he and she, until the red line
of puberty trailed ahead to an empty
bathtub.

Anybody could have seen this line
for it was easy to divine as lines
on a palm, a worried forehead,
a splatter of crow's feet, easy
to follow as lines on a hospital floor
that lead from admitting to X-ray
or surgery or OBGYN, but which
in this case led to the bathtub
where her two wrists menstruated
to let her out.

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