

that these women had genital contact in order to claim this connection. While I agree with this thesis, I also do not think that historians should ignore evidence of sexual contact when it is available. In addition, the project of mapping the social conditions which made this interruption of hetero-normative ideas and practices possible, is an important one.

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tonite i told the womyn that i love,  
that i wouldn't kiss her all the way  
to the next Metro stop.  
i told her the reason was because,  
when i see the other couples doing it it makes me want to  
yell...

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i didn't tell her i was afraid  
afraid of the people that sat & stood & smothered us.  
i didn't tell her,  
that sometimes  
when i'm kissing her  
& my eyes are closed & my entire body is aching for her  
on the street corner,  
that the image quickly changes into  
blood bats & broken bones.  
i didn't tell her that sometimes i don't feel i have the right  
to call myself a lesbian, or a dyke, or queer  
'cause i've never been bashed,  
& i don't know what it's like to be warm with red  
other than between my legs.  
i didn't tell her  
that i wonder  
if she thinks i'm not really a dyke & i'm just pretending.  
that she's going to leave me  
'cause i can't recite lesbian politics from the beginning of  
time  
& i don't recognize names of dykes i should know if i want  
to be in  
the club.  
that sometimes  
i feel like i don't belong,  
& when i talk that talk no one believes me,  
she doesn't believe me.  
i didn't tell her that when she fucks me i can feel her  
inside me every thrust her.  
i didn't tell her that she's  
my butch in shining armour & i'll be her femme  
in anything she wants me to & when she touches me the  
world  
disappears  
& fuck anyone who holds a membership card to the moral  
majority &  
that i would fight & die for her & that she is my inspiration.  
i told her what i needed, to feel  
safestrongindependenttogether.  
i told her what i can.

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