Purple, Green and Blue
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I’ve kissed men I never wanted to kiss
   26,000 unreported sexual assaults in the military
For fear of being called a fucking bitch
   -only 238 convictions
Most of the time there wasn’t any lust—
   What did these geniuses expect...
Still I’m known as a dirty freshman slut
   When they put men & women together?

Because I didn’t want to be a bitch
   And the girls—
I let one of them bruise my so-called “tits”
   We’re supposed to call them women
And still known as a dirty freshman slut
   But they’re girls to me
I wrapped my chest with ice— never discussed
   Grab them by the pussy

I let one of them bruise my so-called “tits”
   It must be a pretty picture
Because my approval had been dismissed
   You dropping to your knees
I cried as I wrapped my small chest in ice—
   A person who is flat-chested
For four or so days the bandage sufficed
   Is very hard to be a 10

Because my approval had been dismissed
   I just kiss, I don’t even wait
I couldn’t stop the scratching on my hips
   And when you’re a star
For four or so days the bandage sufficed
   You can do whatever you want
It was excused as his natural vice
   You have to treat them like shit