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One time in the gym showers, while clothing  
myself in soap foam, that hairy boy turned  
the nozzle beside me, soaped up, and told  
me his sex story. It began with skinny-dipping  
and *a girl whose breasts bulge to here.*  
His palms cupped the steam clouds that swelled  
from his chest. I'd never been naked with a girl,  
so only sweetness, a thing I thought love, appeared

in his words: two shadows, no sound, slink down  
into thicket. One hesitates at the silt shore, then plunges  
through the pond. He'll watch her top half emerge,  
a little moon ripples over her areolas. I envision  
her body untouched, his an imperfect match:  
nipples all bushy, hair that trails suds to the crotch.

--Derek Mong '04