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Women's voices creep from under
the door and into my ears,
sounds of women, yet not only women
but friends who "need to be alone."
I cannot imagine (as men try to do)
what they could talk about
that they would not want me to hear.
These women know me as well as
I know myself, sometimes
better: second guessing me,
spoiling a joke or comic movement,
bringing me mocha-chocolate chip ice cream
when they see I am down....
I asked one once about the complexities
of bonding, even the word itself conjures
images of Mrs. Stewart's chemistry class
in the past of high school.
She said, "Tits, it's all
about tits."

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