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## Seduction

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### *The Coming Age*

I would be a witch —  
apple in an eye that I am —  
practicing birth control and  
beckoning hallucinogens from weeds.  
I need no virgin sterilization.  
I am cleansed body and soul together  
showering with the plants I sing to,  
Naked before thirsting stamen —  
no harm done in brushing with a bush.  
I am Eve  
and in this age  
I'm claiming my garden

Lynn Greene

### *Seduction*

Sleek body twined about my feet.  
Nose, head, then tail rub against my shins.  
With what have you marked me?  
Ebony animal,  
Warlock what have you done to my heart it burns!  
Warm body slither into my lap,  
Drawing caresses from me with incantations.  
Ah, your back arches with the tempo of my strokes.  
Cat,  
Why do you squirm from my lap?

Jacqueline Ondy

### *Pointless Polarities*

She searched for food to live  
He lived on food for thought  
She said we must fight  
                                  to live or die  
He asserted life is round  
                                  no beginning, no end.

He calls the crowd to march  
                                  for peace  
She crawls into a hole  
                                  with a gun.

It begins.

Two children die in the heat  
                                  of their quarrel.

Ruth Wick