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## I've Watched My Wife

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I've watched my wife chop off her surname  
It vanished like a pin flung down  
a stormy flight  
while mine took its place.  
She quit the room she adored like a ring  
the yard her umbilical cord slept  
the rotunda her heart and being were sowed  
and the sentinel voice of the wonted wind.  
She hung up most of her friends  
an austere treachery each knew would come.  
Then gradually, very gradually  
as in a mower's grating progress  
I've watched us shred most of her dreams  
then transformed what was left to mine.  
She once strove, her limbs firm like a doe's  
but now she's a moribund dam  
her seams waxed by my tremulous seeds.  
I've watched my wife scroll over her  
preferences, the menu flicked  
till I became her sole choice, her only one  
But I am not everything, am I?