

Aunt Stokesia on Love Affairs
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I've had some love affairs. I might not
count my husband as a love affair.
Maybe on a day when dusk kicks out
the last mosquito and morning
glories open by the back of the garage.
Many people spend eighty years
shocked that we have genitals.

I like being in love.
I also like being free of love.
I can't lose.

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