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by Joanna Brooks

Mom, you should know  
I'm now one of those,  
a feminist.

Still recognizable,  
though. I swear  
I haven't butched  
my hair, won't bring  
some guitar-strumming  
womyn home:  
I still love men  
too much, I know.

You told me those  
feminists are hurt  
along the way—  
bruised bad fruit  
left broke as is.

That's me, I find—  
straight from your body  
slightly out of my mind  
like you.