

Feminist Poems

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Female Orgasm

There are few poems about female orgasms.

I think there should be a lot more of them.

Poems I mean.

One for every woman who lies when she says,

It's all right dear,

I'm satisfied without coming

Housework

Women wouldn't nag

If men would do

Their fair share

Sports

Funny how men are so sure

Women could never defeat them at sports

But still make the women's games

Different, shorter

As if to take away comparison

Sex Workers

Funny how men are so keen to say

We mustn't take away desperate women's livelihood as sex workers

But think so differently of desperate women's livelihood

As, say, sweatshop workers

And never in that case excuse suffering with

Well, everyone suffers under capitalism

Equal

Women are totally equal in American now!

Well, except that we still don't have the Equal Rights Amendment

And abortion is often illegal

And birth control is subject to the views of those choosing to dispense it or not

(Though of course Viagra isn't)

And some dress codes require women but not men to wear high heels, pantyhose, makeup

And makeup and diet supplements, overwhelmingly used by women, aren't properly regulated

And we've never had a female President

And women do almost all of the housework and childcare

And suffer from the wage gap and the orgasm gap

And...

Equal Rights Amendment

Funny how something so short and so simple

Can take so long

Women's Suffrage

Still controversial in some quarters, did you know?

With people saying it shouldn't exist

Because women vote for things they don't like

Funny how they don't want to deny other groups suffrage for voting for things they don't like

Funny how they would scream if women tried to deny them the vote

Because they vote for things we don't like

Money

No women on America's paper money

Or currently minted coin

I guess the genocidal enslaver

Andrew Jackson

Is more deserving

Monuments

Not even a single monument

In all of Washington, D.C.

Is dedicated to a woman

I wonder, if we have a female President

Will she be remembered with one?