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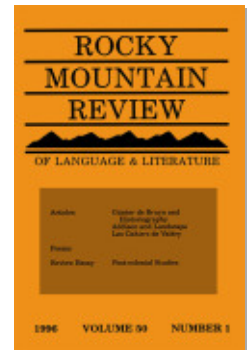
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Us

I'm the perfect Match
For you
A cropped and crimson-dyed
Redhead
With a wooden body
You can hold my limbs
Down
Between your thumb and
Forefinger
You can strike me
Anywhere
Across the Back
Of your knuckles
Along the Teeth
Of your zipper
And although I flame up
At you
Hissing sulphur Yellow
Breath
I still light the tip
Of your nicotine
Fix
And watch your dry
Smile
Burning silently
Until you shake my anger
Out-Briskly
And let me fall
Nineteen more
Of me
Trapped beneath a lying
Cardboard
Tongue

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