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Roses are red / violets are transsexual / welcome to womanhood / now get to work honey

Roses are performative / violets are biological / I have very sensitive breasts / and so do your breasts

Roses are biological / you have the nicest skin / I can't stop kissing you / let's read more nondualistic queer theory

Roses are fed up / with our binary fetishes / I tricked my doctors / and stole all the medication to hide it in a cave and share it with other trans people

Roses have got me / up against the wall / kissing my neck / which is socially constructed to be a super hot strong feminist neck

Roses are violet / violets are roses / I really like you / I like you tube

Roses are born this way / violets have a lesbian streak / something about your dry sense of humor and our soft intertwined limbs / feels transcendently female

Roses are blue / violets are violet / roses are nonviolet / blue is bluenormative

Roses are from mars / violets had the whole surgery / setting up camp / exclusively on Venus

Roses have gone too far / not to be what girls are made of / I'm coming out / to my academic colleagues as a poet and I bet they will run away screaming



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Roses are roses / violets are born this way / someone's got a hoard / of
heteronormative transaffirmation porn you say?

Roses are cheeky / I want you to fuck me / drown violets like an accused
witch / in your arms which feel like mine

Violets got a name change / roses changed a pronoun / we ate at a
restaurant / and forgot to put the leftovers in the fridge

Roses are trochaic / violets have their original plumbing / let's march in a
protest / then go home and we'll cook something delicious and eat it
with a spork

Violets are permanent / roses are impermanent / thank you for becoming
me / offering to embrace your form your fate

Flowerbeds are umbrellas / umbrellas are rubrics / I support your
identification / and your disidentification

Men are from women / roses are from Jupiter / women are from men / I
can't tell which is softer, your lips or this pillow or the snow
descending gracefully outside

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Canyon of Heroines

This bag of crunchy

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The Valleys Are So Lush and Steep

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With a Petroleum Coating

The exoskeleton dries by
the radiator. What is the

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