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## Patricia Cherin: "Last F\*cks"

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### Last fucks

The early ones are momentous  
lovely in their way of course  
but fraught with what the cliché  
calls performance anxiety  
what is really just coming to terms  
with the crux of human experience  
nuance, allusion, reference  
here they are plain as day  
what it means to be transcendent and  
feral, god and animal all at once  
to know finally  
what the fuss is all about  
I'm starting to rehearse now  
the last time  
the doing it after which  
it will all be finally done  
the last great fuck  
is perhaps more poignant  
than the first dear ones  
the dark lust so clear now  
no longer touch resents  
its burden, always  
carrying more than itself  
many histories in every caress  
even yearning is more so  
because of accumulations and contexts  
if ever there will be a knowing

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it must be now  
after all the tryouts  
the dearest coupling happens  
tenderness and passion finally poised  
joy wisely accommodating  
touch will never be more sure  
or bodies more durable  
they are learned now  
and weighted with living and doing  
in the final familiar mysteries  
there is somber abandon  
such good practice  
for the near oblivion

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