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## Stephanie Kaylor: “seller:sold”

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### seller:sold

*“Such an image is the prostitute—seller and sold in one”  
—Walter Benjamin*

*sell, (v.): old english sellan “to give, furnish, lend; surrender, give up, deliver to; promise”*

to lend a hand and deny that to which it  
is attached

impenetrable

to release the shutter

to remain                      out of  
frame

the goal is to deliver just enough light to the camera’s image sensor to get the optimum  
exposure—

record the original scene

lovers names given up to concrete

etchings              not utility

but eternity

becomes not a promise but memory

becomes not maternity but penalty

the materiality of a wish

the primal operetta  
of surrender

composer:composed

to be abundance

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dwelling in abundance  
dwelling in the promise

man's banality will not fester  
will break it open just to see  
increased turnover / furnishing desire

to manifest, oh,  
oh,

oh, commodify me into  
conundrum

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