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# NO FAILURE OF WOMAN

Sam Pester

Pick me, choose me.  
I am ripe for the hand of man  
to declare I am worthy  
of silver rings  
and forgotten forever;

Cotton gowns and burning glory,  
bringing into this world what two could make  
And one hold  
in arms now burdened.

Of lonely nights on an empty mattress  
dressed with blankets your mother  
gave us for the life  
we never had.

She told me  
a house is not a home  
unless people grow within it.  
But are we growing at all?

You said maybe,  
when I'm not busy and you have  
your perfect summer body,  
we can be whole.

Now I just sit here,  
waiting to be tarnished by  
my failures, my inability to carry  
our love to fruition.