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TAMING EROS

a bouquet of arrows
for your thighs. for your heart,

a bouquet of marches.
strike each head against

your head. get them to flint. not
another way of talking, but a better

way to see mortality. as a blessing.
stop short of flight—it won't get you

very far; instead cull a bouquet
of crimson, a bouquet of cinnabar,

finally sulfur. let the loose
feathers dart off, one at a time. then

make a pillow, go to sleep,
learn to be human, dream.

learn desire, that which you cannot have:
a quiver of throats, a quivering tongue.