



La Movida

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Inspiration: handy stuff, if you can find it. Tatiana Luboviski-Acosta secured theirs in the revolutionary struggles of Chicana feminists and Spain's Post-Franco queer punk movement, so this collection doesn't play nice with fascists and colonizers. A peer sexual health educator and barista in San Francisco, Tatiana's other collection is *The Easy Body*, and their work has been published in *SFMOMA Open Space* and *Wolfman New Life Quarterly*.

LOVE POEM

I, / an intellectual / once loved someone pure of heart / who let their car get towed away. // The vein that connects / my heart to my mouth / is a ribbon tied around a bomb. // I was joking when I said / that I knew how to read. // My vote was cast / for kissing by the light / of a cop car on fire. // My mother tells me that / a garden is a prison. // She was beautiful, with a face / like a melting candle; / and I'm sure well loved, / and well documented. // I know my father had nightmares / of limbs of soap / hidden among tall grasses. // There is carnage in this empty lot. // I cemented my banks / against the burning plain, / and drank the wine / that flowed from the wounded hand. // All day / and all night / in complicated love. // I loved someone / who loved the spirit in the sky, / so I tried / to fall in love with the sky.

MATT SUTHERLAND (July / August 2022)

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