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Contingent Identities

I own not black or white, or pink or blue.
Let's talk about your sexy self and mine.
What role I take depends a lot on you.

Constructing essence every day anew,
I tie my labels loosely on with twine;
I own not black or white, or pink or blue.

Whatever, lover, do you like to do?
Have you a point at which you draw a line?
My dear, what role I take depends on you.

Tell me what's flexible, and what taboo:
just speak out honestly, and we'll be fine.
I own not black or white, or pink or blue,

not gray or brown or lavender; know too
I'll do high femme, stone butch, or androgyne.
What role I take, my love, depends on you:

a Kinsey 0, 6, or -2,
or—when I'm in a certain mood—a 9.
I own not black or white, or pink or blue.
What roles we take depend, in part, on you.

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