

## COURTSHIP

Male humans are too dull, he said.  
We can't fan spangled tails  
or flash a dorsal fin of red  
or spread blue wings like sails.  
Men can't even blow balloons from jowls  
to amplify a mating song,  
or raise neck fur to go with howls.

Well--even if you'd done that all along,  
and showered me with feathers you had shed,  
and left a fresh-killed mouse upon my bed--  
I guess I'd choose you anyway, she said.