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Difference I

theres one thing you cant get away from he said
no matter what theres just this one thing
women can have babies and men can beat up
women
thats the difference thats the thing nothing can
change
he said thats just the way our bodies are but then
I remembered my son seven years wise who said
he was glad he wasnt a woman yes he was glad
he didnt have a womans body because he wasnt
strong
enough no not strong enough to be a woman to
push that baby out
leave the facts alone lets change the fictions

Difference II

your nightmare is my fantasy he said
thats the difference thats where our minds part
he said to be viewed touched handled as sex object
oh yes thats pleasure thats the pinch that makes
me hard
harder and harder are these stones these speaking
columns
spilling I AM all over me the glue sticking me
onto paper
penning my name woman woman woman
till i cant climb out of the frame this is not
my conception this is not my composition
you are freely writing your scenario you can take
up your position subject or object its up to you
you can be author/viewer and representation all in
one
oh yes you can artfully change the dramatis
personae
you dont change a thing i’m still running
in circles in this dark nightmare looking for a
place to say i
this is not (my) nightmare this is my (life)

Women’s Studies Programme & the Department of Social Science, Atkinson College

Applications are invited for a full-time tenure stream appointment in the area of Women and Work in Canada, effective July 1, 1992, cross-appointed between the Women’s Studies Programme and the Department of Social Science, Atkinson College, York University. (The appointment is subject to budgetary approval by the university.)

The candidate should have specialization in one or more of the following areas: (paid and unpaid) work with emphasis on international restructuring and the labour movement; feminist theory, with emphasis on race, class, sexual orientation; and feminism and the women’s movement.

Atkinson College is a Faculty of York University whose mission is to provide a range of degree programmes for adult students studying on a part-time basis, primarily through evening courses and both evening and daytime courses in the summer. The successful candidate will be expected to share in the unique educational mission of the college, and experience in teaching adult students would be an asset.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent in a Social Science or relevant discipline and should have teaching experience in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies and in applying social analysis to strategies for change. The successful candidate will be expected actively to participate in the university’s Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Applicants should mail or fax a curriculum vitae, and arrange for three confidential letters of recommendation to be sent to: Professor Meg Luxton, Co-ordinator, Women’s Studies Programme, Atkinson College, York University, 4700 Keele Street, North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3. Telephone: (416) 736-5882. Fax: (416) 736-5103. Closing date April 30, 1992.

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