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Mona Lisa Was A Feminist

I think Mona Lisa
was a feminist. That
she had better things to do,
was itching
to get off her chair,
to involve herself
with a multitude
of interesting
occupations and
be done with
portrait painting pomposity.

She sat, still,
hands crossed over herself,
barely containing
her impatience, ready
to take flight
at moment's notice.

In keeping with
social expectation, however,
dear woman!,
she humoured the man,
pandered to his
artistic ego, even favoured him
with a wan smile that,
despite brave attempt,
could not conceal
the irritability in her eyes
at such flagrant
waste of time.

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