

## GONE

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I take in effigy  
That which (you whom)  
I cannot constantly possess.

Your shirts (in bed,  
alone, with your cats)  
Your socks (but only on weekends - heaven  
forbid anyone at work see them on)  
Your tea (strong and scented like smoked cloves -  
I hate it)  
But I make myself a cup,  
in your clothes,  
your cats around my ankles.

(These are things that mean nothing at all  
But) I must make do while  
You are gone.

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