

## REFLECTIONS ON AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE FEMININE

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My timid, sensitive, honest feelings,  
How easily they are driven underground,  
Overwhelmed by sentimental moods,  
By ungrounded desire.

The world changes in that unwary moment  
When delightful conversation becomes excited expectation,  
And fellow mortals turn into gods.

Afterwards —  
Exposed and alone, I mourn the loss of her company,  
And wonder how I am to recover.  
With her?  
With myself?

That whore of a god!  
Armed with intimate knowledge of my most private weakness,  
She leads me with breathtaking certainty  
Away from my humanity,  
Away from my life!

OH WOMAN!

In desperation I run after her  
And show her my wound.

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