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The Achievement of Love

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Haiku In 4/4.

Sing praise to the power of coffee!
That oh-so-refreshing drink
That clears early morning cobwebs,
Enabling the mind to think.

Frigidare

O men of science, please find a placebo,
Sedation for an overworked libido,
A wonder drug to heal a wounded ego,
Dream up an unrequited — love injection,
A cue not a cold but cold rejection.

An antidote against man’s non-affection,
Forget the smearpooof lipsticks, smoothing lotions.
Lavent, instead some good face-saving potions,
Unguents and oils to smooth disturbed emotions.

Come, boys, concoct a cooling balm
To guarantee platonic calm,
A nubbing shot of anesthesia
To offset masculine amnesia,
Venuses that might inoculate us
Against the male who would deflate us.

To counteract a potent lack
... and anti-aphrodiasic.

Get with it, friends, and give us, for a start
A tranquilizer for the troubled heart.’

Kathy Schmidt

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