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Throw roses at the sky without smiling.

Stretch your tanned legs against
a broken lamppost.

Conceal a novel beneath your arm.

Hold your breath twice before diving
into the pond, eyes open.

Wear your glasses in the bathtub.

Wake up every morning without needing
to brush your hair.

Apply lipstick after sex.

Run your fingertips across the glass's rim
when there is nothing left to drink.

Spin in a circle for no reason, then laugh
as your hair touches
your face.

Do all of this for everyone to see,
but when you do it,
please Eileen,
be thinking of me.