

MADONNA WHO YOU GET GIGGLING

is too  
amused  
to refuse

BEIGE MADONNA

is the color  
of most office  
carpet and is  
walked all over

ONION RING MADONNA

drop her and  
she'll stain  
your pants leg

ACTRESS MADONNA

the audience leans  
in like cocks  
drawn to a wet  
glistening slit  
after seven  
years at sea she  
feels her power  
sees them pant  
plays with her hair  
knows she's got  
them and only she  
can give them  
what they need

MADONNA WHO HAS TROUBLE GETTING  
ENOUGH ACTION IN HER NOVELS

always thinks of  
plots in connection  
with cemeteries

LEATHER MADONNA

is all animal

MADONNA ON THE ECONOMY

if you can  
pay for taxis  
you can pay  
taxes

M and M MADONNA

lets you  
melt in her  
mouth not  
in her hands

MADONNA IN LOVE

cares too much  
to enjoy what  
she's enjoying  
until it's gone

BAT MADONNA

does not attack  
only bites in  
self defense  
won't nest  
in your hair  
or suck your  
blood, unless  
you're a cow  
in south america  
never popular  
never cute  
but can purr

BURN OUT MADONNA

what was  
is just an  
outline made  
of ash that  
one touch  
makes fall  
apart

— Lyn Lifshin

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