

Passing by

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i forget sometimes
how a woman loves/needs a compliment,
to be appreciated and treasured

it occurred to me as i was in discussion
with the boys from the supermarket having their smoko

a young woman, fresh from the shower,
long hair still wet wearing baggy pyjama
pants with a loose t-shirt covering her breasts
glided past going night-shopping,
for previously forgotten items
or just something she required

i caught sight of her
through the corner of my eye
something about her
and said, "looking good" like a yob
or moron fiend -- which is why i usually refrain
from making spontaneous comments
in public but this time i couldn't help myself

she turned, slightly surprised
and responded positively
i replied, "going easy, going loose,
very nice indeed"

she took the compliment, smiled
and proceeded into the supermarket
i resumed my conversation
but noticed the boys were surprised
at the positive response i received from
the young woman, wet and easy

i informed them i was just keeping
my hand in the game,
they laughed and we returned to the subject
but something lingered
quietly in the back of my mind

like a returning memory
i realised how important

it is not to take anyone for granted
and to compliment
often and freely
always boosting a person's self-esteem,
so neglected and stomped-on these days

the next time i see her i will seduce her
as sure as the grateful smile she wore
on her face

i have a confession to make

i'm a shocking womaniser
and know every trick in the book
but they love me regardless
simply because i make them feel special,
if only for a short while

husbands, partners, boyfriends
are no competition whatsoever
they all too easily forget the simple
needs of a woman

Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-474.html>