

## 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

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