

Fourth-Wave Feminism

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Don't worry, it's not going to hurt you.

Close your inner eyelids:

Marquis de Sade,

upscale emo,

shimmery top coats,

silver rings, promises

to do better. Look gently; don't burn yourself.

Teach others how to love

killers and husbands

are all the rage

in literature this year. Try to stop,

fail, try again, finish writing

it gets better. Dizzying blackness.

unconditional power.

learn when to leave.

plant the seed.

watch it grow. Don't you know?

Bluebeard stories are only real

if your eyes are wide enough to see them.