

My Lesbian Wars

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I write about Lesbians:
The ties that bind the closest friends,
The joys, the thrills, theyâ€™re still all true
You know Iâ€™d never lie to you,
But you knowâ€™!
Women come and women go.
Some I donâ€™t like. Most I donâ€™t know.
Few are friends and few agree
In the Lesbian community!

I first came out, a great relief!
I thought weâ€™d all be friends,
But â€œsisterhoodâ€• made enemies for many Lesbians.
When we turned away from men
How could we know the damage they had done?
Yes, life could be a paradise,
But men have made it otherwise.

So, I cut my hair, my looks I changed
I felt scared at the start,
And I learned to smile much less for men
And to keep my manner sharp,
But itâ€™s so much harder to defend
Myself from hostile Lesbians.
Abuse, suspicion. They feel free
To treat me like their enemy.

But we donâ€™t have to be friends
To work it out together, Lesbians.
If we try, we can work it out together, Lesbians.

I choose my friends with care.
I am elite as I can be.
I donâ€™t like filth or ugliness.
Is that bourgeois of me?
And Iâ€™m not ashamed to be a pushy Jewish girl
Well, I like it fine!
I like to use the power I have earned, and yes,
Iâ€™m glad itâ€™s mine!

And I love to meet a Lesbian
With fresh ideas in mind.
Who isnâ€™t spouting thoughtless words
That Iâ€™ve heard a thousand times.
And then I donâ€™t mind if we disagree
â€˜Cause weâ€™re building our community
With beauty, strength and consciousness.
With loving, Lesbians be blessed!

But we donâ€™t have to be friends
To work it out together, Lesbians.
If we try, we can work it out together.
I believe if we try, if we really try
We can work it out. We can work it out.

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