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### POEM TO A FOOTBALL PLAYER—DICKTATOR

You said Lucille Clifton is a worthless, racist bitch,  
and I disagreed.

I think you are frightened by her honesty.

It's funny that you find a poem  
about menstruation disgusting  
when your mother, and grandmother, and sister—  
if you have one, all bleed.

But if you fall down on your little football field,  
and cut your face  
you consider that blood  
to be heroic, noble, and brave.

*“Girls like me blow  
your facade.  
Boys like you lack the  
ability to go deep.”*

Smart girls frighten you  
because they easily decipher you,  
and rub you the wrong way.  
Girls like me blow your facade.  
Boys like you lack the ability to go deep.

In your life you have seemingly never had to  
beg for anything—except to get laid.  
You so cold, angry, stealthy  
have been sex denied  
again and again and again  
by girls like me.

Maybe you hate me  
because it probably wasn't a stupid girl  
who left you limp and angry  
when she told you no—

It was a girl like me.