Lovely

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somewhere, some woman
must look lovely
in spite of herself
her lover won’t have to adjust
his eyes
to her unshaven stubble,
the pink, fleshy scar
on her right arm
the unsightly birthmark
on the small of her back

somewhere, in some bed
a pimple will go unnoticed
a mascara smudge unwiped
and the lipstick
will look radiant
on her slightly yellowed teeth
as some man
passes his rough hand
gently over the cellulite
on her thighs
and kisses her chapped lips
because she’s lovely