

each one wanting to be the only beautiful display on display at the club  
the club women shriek when beauty

replaces them with someone else.

a sullen return to the thorny bed

attended by skin blemished frogs

and taxidermy cosmeticians with knives and pigments

working on creases and sags.

the only thought in the operating room is of another restoration and first kiss

on the treatment of fresh paint.

the only beautiful display.

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