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By Cassidy McNeeley

From babies, to “bitches,” to Betty Crockers.

From blowing bubbles, then boyfriends,
then bites of food for babies of our own,
it’s bullshit! Give me a bullet to banish myself
from this world built for boys.

To-do list: dishes, dinner, diapers — a discourse
that defines the transition from daughter to mother.

Another case of the “feminine mystique.”

Making love without feeling loved and
loving without being loved. Stumbling from
the mattress. Causing mayhem and madness.

Mommy’s *okay* just sick of sleepless nights
interrupted by daddy’s snores.

Shut up. Stop it. I said No.

What doesn’t he understand?

She doesn’t want to be touched.

Tired. Triggered. Tense.