

## **Animals Who Bleed Without Dying**

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Animals hormonal, moody, crazy, hysterical

Animals told when to smile, what to wear, what to say

Animals that work and provide and cook and feed

Animals that clean the table afterwards and wash

Animals trapped by rituals, cycles of traditions

Animals stoned, drowned, burned, hanged, murdered

Animals too fat, too thin, too hairy

Animals that are fucked

Animals that fuck to enjoy it

Animals that grow, strong and healthy

Animals that dress for themselves

Animals that question, experiment, express,

Animals that walk alone in the dark

Animals that walk home holding hands

Animals that love, dance, sing, scream, fall

Animals that grow, breed, give birth, nurse, feed

Animals that rip themselves apart for other animals

Animals that bleed, again and again, without dying.

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