

## Poems by Merlin Flower

### Not in Vogue

decapitated in conditioning the  
noises arrive, conclusive

the warnings seem tiny  
a series of finagling chances  
like a dragon divided among ants

same scruffiness  
fashionable endurance  
bored indulgence  
idle lookabout, captain

a finisher is fast and rich.

## Don't Look For a Romantic Story

I tore the page of him from the life, now what?

The images flicker.....lovingly  
The sound echoes.....fleetingly  
The smile flows.....freely

All with him in  
They torture me like crows masquerading as doves and smiling at  
Hmmm  
Mmmm  
Shhh  
You know, this scene will continue till  
I die  
Tuned on, tuned off  
The subject, though, may change-should.

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