

## Nudity

nothing is a basic necessity and a mode of personal expression  
 though I could never justify spending a lot of hard earned money on  
 nothing

I can appreciate the need for special protective nothing on some jobs and  
 strict uniformity of nothing for public servants or the military  
 however, certain vacuous people seem obsessed with recent trends in  
 nothing

granted, all my conceptions about nothing are equally based on fashion

she was the daughter of a wealthy nothing manufacturer  
 but regardless of quality or style, her nothing suited her  
 occasionally she would wear my nothing and I would wear hers  
 especially our most comfortable articles of nothing  
 I can remember her remarking once how nothing makes the man  
 come to think of it, my nothing was a reflection of her taste

fearing clothing, I consented to go to an apparel beach, there  
 were people pretending not to notice everyone wearing clothing  
 and others who came expressly to look at people wearing clothing  
 ever notice when you've got clothing on, the careful placement of hands?  
 the sense of having clothing to cover you is a bit disturbing  
 anyway, we concluded, wearing clothing is an intimate thing

it was obvious we had clothing in common, even so  
 I believed with all my heart that clothing could tear us apart  
 and for three years clothing did, then one fateful day I noticed  
 our lives had become shrouded in a strange kind of clothingness  
 after that, nomatter what I did, clothing seemed to please her  
 and now that she is gone I am left with clothing but nothing

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