

“The Traditional Butch”
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Traditional
Is a weird word to use
For a butch
 How many times
Did I question
 Are you a Mexican? Or
 Are you a Lesbian? You
Can't be both
As if either were a choice
 Either choice would be
 Stupid
The irony is not lost on me
That I do push ups
In the kitchen
Because it's where I feel
Most comfortable.
The bed takes up half
The bedroom,
The living room is half my
Brother 's bedroom.
 Before I can start
Going down,
I have to do a warmup.
I sweep the whole house to ask for
Permission.
If I am lucky
I can skip
 The mop,
I rearrange the dining room
Chairs
To make space for the yoga
Mat
Then I
Go down.
 You get it?
Like going
Down