

Fair Trade

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Young women turn to older men for power,
acclaim, and money. In exchange, they offer beauty,
a fair trade, which always in the end turns sour.

The truth is, their bargain barely lasts an hour
before she grows up, and lust becomes a duty.
A young woman turns to a man for the power

she can't hope for on her own. He will shower
her with trinkets and stories. Going for the loot, she
makes a fair trade, which in the end will turn sour.

Ursula Andress, Linda Evans, Bo Derek: each a bower
of bliss for a man who tried to keep mutability mute. He
turned to young women who turned to him for power.

Now Bo's widowed, no longer conrowed in the flower
of her youth, and Sun-Yi's cashed in her mom for Woody:
a fair trade, which in the end will surely turn sour.

Mama Mia! Dory Previn's own marriage foundered
on the shoals of a twenty-four-year-old cutie.
Young women, turn from older men in power,
for this fair trade always in the end turns sour.