

VIRGINITY

Her blue eyes
sparkled in the candle light.
Always
she ate too fast.
Tried to slow her down with a question:
what did Foucault say about sexuality
in those nearly three volumes?

“I don’t know.
We read about the British panopticon.
Prisons built circularly
with a guard in the center
so prisoners thought someone
always watching. Self-regulation.”

Well, that’s an original idea.

“What?”

Was reading how early Christian
Virginity Cult
gave women the choice to avoid
the hard time and danger
of pregnancy.
Was wondering:
if women really had the choice
would they choose to have children?
She rested the fork
on the plate.

“Some would.
More would if you paid them.
How about support
healthcare, childcare?”

Glory be, great and common sense solution!
Was readin’

how celibacy replaced martyrdom
after Christianity became the Empire.
Show your commitment
to God.

“What kind of god is that?”

Good question.
Celibacy:
Give up
your God given Humanity?
Oh, no
you’re giving up
your animal humanity!

“You have to wonder
where do ideas like that
come from?”
she said to the empty plate.