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Women on Fire

Men like women who are on fire—
that burn slowly like coals that they
have to run their bare feet over.

Men like women who can flare up
over almost nothing though they pretend
to be annoyed.

Men love women
who can throw flames at their heads,
women with hearts that simmer,

especially in the summer-time. A bonfire
at the beach. A cleansing blow up,
a hearth that gently burns and keeps
up the heat. Pink volcanic heat, or

smoldering like an abandoned cigarette.

If you were ever told
that men like women who are cold
and beautiful like the moon, pale and

calm but lunatic at heart,
you have been misled.
Men want heat and fire.

They want their women very hot.
So hot only one touch,
resembling the strike of a match
will yield red and blue
flames.

Men crave women
who are on fire, who keep them
warm in all seasons.

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