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## Love Letters

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At the age of nine, some men looked different to me although not I to them  
Before then, they were functional: lifegivers, comic, or both  
Caught up in a giant centrefold of a popstar in the shower  
(Dad said he was gay back in 84)  
Everything looked different, every man  
For a long time  
Guess that's why they call it the awkward age.

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Husband is my second least favourite word, after wife  
I don't know why  
Just the smugness of them  
Knowing how divided  
Life and the law is into the  
Married or  
Nots.

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O is the birthplace of Humanity  
People will tell you the pen is mightier  
(Quite how they came to that conclusion  
Remains to be seen) but all those  
Scrolls, recording *man's* greatest achievements?  
They're now being rewritten by women.

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Unrecognised and underappreciated for 200 thousand years the  
Vulva is having a moment  
We've been using the wrong word.

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X does not mark The Spot.

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Yes is the sexiest word in the English language.

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Zex would earn more points in Scrabble than Sex but I wasn't on duty when that word  
was invented.