

Getting Ready for a First Date

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Put on foundation first

Cover-up for the scars,

Even the intangible ones.

Eyeliner next, so the

Eyes seem less timid.

Make them look merry, unburdened.

Use waterproof mascara;

Rain comes unexpectedly.

Get dressed next.

Wear a skirt long enough.

Bare legs are good excuses

For wandering hands.

A favorite sweater

That shelters a scathed heart,

And comfortable shoes

For running.