

Sassy Ross

On Being Long-Winded

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yes, i am aware
that sometimes
i talk too much

that i have a ten
dency to take off
on tangents

forget the reason
the instant i remember
to get back to the point

and i know that
sometimes
what i have to say
can be said
within fewer words

"i'm happy."
instead of:

"today, my soul soared
like a red plastic bag
kite let go."

"fuck off." for example
as opposed to:

"look, mista, i got
a loaded pistol
zipped up in my chest
if you make another move
i gwine blow off yo balls."

"yes, that was nice. let's do it again"

so as to mean:

"when our stomachs
touched in the shower
we were taken in without recoil
submitting to the moment
without distinguishing the dancing
from the dancers from the dance."