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It's Like a Hallmark Card

You just had to give me a goddamn hickey.

I mean yes,
my plans for you had the subtlety
of a high-rise apartment building,
but I thought allowing you to see me
without clothes,
later without makeup
would have fulfilled the necessity of ownership.

But with that shy smile you had
I couldn't help but laugh along with you
so obviously pleased with yourself.

The badge of affirmation:
No, I didn't sleep alone last night.

You promised you wouldn't.

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