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### **Erythrophobia**

Fear of Blushing

Oh ho she said. What's this I see. Red flag?  
Blood and thunder? Bleeding heart? Smirk. Diddy.  
Rankles, does it? Galls? Don't slop over. Don't  
gush. Quench it. Snuff it. Go dead-pan. Blue ruin.

Not how it looks. No blood-bath. No heart-throb.  
A hairline fracture. A brain wave. Seepage.  
Tremor. Melting point. Hot wind. Not heart-struck.  
Not red-handed. Talk. Talk. Blue in the face?

Mayday. Mayday. Thin-skinned are you? Smirk. Smirch.  
Squirm. Look at you. Gaudy. Deep-dye. Port wine.  
Blot it up. Quench it. Snuff it out. Oh ho.  
Shimmer. Swelter. Scorcher. Auto da fe.

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