**I Knew a Woman**

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I knew a woman, lovely in her bones,

When small birds sighed, she would sigh back at them;

Ah, when she moved, she moved more ways than one:

The shapes a bright container can contain!

Of her choice virtues only gods should speak,

Or English poets who grew up on Greek

(I’d have them sing in chorus, cheek to cheek).

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Please find the rest of the poem in the internet or an anthology and read the poem. Read at least three times and provide following information for the poem:

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| Persona: |  |
| Tone: |  |
| Mood: |  |
| Figures of Speech: |  |
| Most striking images: |  |
| Formal Properties: |  |

Notes/Questions for You

How old is the persona?

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Does the word choice of the persona imply his age? Or does the poem sound written by an adult?

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What kind of a love is the poem about?

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What images/metaphors/tropes have been used to praise the woman?

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