

## **ANIMAL PASSION**

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*Gini Savage*

Fierce as a bobcat's spring  
With start-up speeds of sixty miles per hour,  
I want a lover to sweep me off my feet  
and slide me into the gutter  
Without the niceties of small talk, roses or champagne.  
I mean business, I want whiskey,  
I want to be swallowed whole,  
I want tiles to spring off of walls  
When we enter hotel rooms  
Or afternoon apartments.  
I won't pussyfoot around responsibility,  
"shoulds" and "oughts" are out for good.  
And I don't want to be a fat domestic cat,  
I want to be frantic, yowls and growls to sound  
Like the lion house at feeding time.  
I don't give a damn who hears, I don't give a damn!  
No discreet eavesdroppers coughs can stop us in our frenzy.  
Let the voyeurs voient  
And let the great cats come.