

CATRIONA WRIGHT

SURRENDER

I. IN A BATHROOM, AT THE BEGINNING

Condom limp on a shower curtain rod:
squid drying under a hesitant sun.

II. SAME BATHROOM, MONTHS LATER

More between us now, less

latex. When semen-thinned
menstrual blood drips on cold

tiles, you say *watermelon*
juice, just because

you know that for me love
is a virgin image.