

A DAZZLING

She turns
letting her gown
slide down along her arms
into the red glow
of our room.

I think
there must be
women in China, Japan—
a thousand
women

doing
the same. And
in Finland, France, Zaire.
It is a gesture
common

as turning
the light on in
the room. As many men sit
speechless, as if
blinded.

— *John Ditsky*