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A classroom of adolescent pock-faced teens is
No place to learn about sex.
Slideshows of foreign terminology
And hand drawings of cartoon genitalia
Don't prepare you for the real world.

What they can't teach you is—
 The way boys spin words to make your panties drop.
 The way your lips can perfectly form the word that could free you,
Your heart beats so loudly that you can't hear yourself silently screaming—
 N-O.
School can't prepare you for the
Absence of that monthly ritual,
 Or the feeling of being ripped open from the inside out.
They can't teach you how to clean blood from cotton sheets.

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