

## PERFECT GRAMMAR IN ANDALUSIA

as lovers  
we survived on bare infinitives for a week  
with a common vocabulary  
that didn't extend far beyond cutlery  
and a want for sugar in coffee

One morning I plucked up the courage to  
abbreviate myself before a boorish grocer at his stall  
confusing him for half a dozen of his finest bananas  
while you washed your adverbs in the shower.

You were simply the object of my desires,  
whilst I,  
I'm pretty sure,  
upon closer study of a pocket dictionary,  
was possibly the indirect subject pronoun of yours.