

# WHY THERE ARE STILL GIRLS WHO WASH THEIR HAIR IN BEER

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Foam spills like suds through their fingers.  
Streams of water splash, massage their scalps,

trickle down the napes of their necks. Yellow pools  
settle in the shallow hollows of their collarbones.

Beads stick to their shoulders, to the skin  
above their breasts. One girl says Straub's

makes her hair shiny, while another explains  
that with a mixture of Heineken and hairspray,

her hair will finally hold a curl. Still, one swears  
she uses Michelob because the man she's been seeing

for six months now, kisses her right temple,  
says she could be happy hour at Suzy's Bar & Grill.

Sometimes, when she's upset, she chews a strand like she did  
when she was a child. She wants to taste what he tastes.