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I'm Not a Robust Girl

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who knows how to operate
a chainsaw, cutting firewood
into even pieces, untied
hair blowing in the breeze.

I look like I should
be wearing a pinafore.
I look like I should collect
glass unicorn figurines.
I look like a Victorian
in a medical illustration
for swollen glands.

For someone who spends
so much time blowing
her nose, I get a lot of dates.
My thoughts on polio
are fascinating.

If I could work a chainsaw,
I would hit the throttle,
scare off excessive suitors.

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