

Holstered Women

"My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun"
-Emily Dickinson

Here it remains
between my legs,
locked and loaded,
this beautiful weapon.

If it had a trigger
would it get a vote?
It could have a safety lock,
the ability to take life
instead of give
birth. Let's say it's a semi-automatic.
You own
one with a silencer or scope.
How about if you collected,

mounted, and showed them
to your friends? Took them
to competitions
where they won you first place
every time. That's why you want
it controlled, registered, and labeled.
Representing
your manhood
on your gun rack
in your lifted truck.

Double Barrel.
Does my fire power
scare you? So I'm forced
to hide it. Required to
keep quiet about it.
But here I am with my flag
screaming, *Come*
and Take it!