

Stray Dolls

Louis sang “Dolly” and oh Dolly don’t
tell me I can’t love like that,

like dogs, like dogs, like
dogs in windows and birds in
glass bottles, green bottles, ship bottles,
stuffed and wanting
to know.

So Louis, oh Louis, put the record on
before those loud saints and quiet dolls
hit the road
to heaven,
to Louisiana,
and
across the bay,

in blue in blue in blue

boats.