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Couple / 327 Commonwealth Avenue

John Goodman (American, born 1947)

Date:	1976
Medium:	Gelatin silver print
Dimensions:	Image: 26.6 x 24.8 cm (10 1/2 x 9 3/4 in.) Sheet: 35.6 x 27.9 cm (14 x 11 in.)
Classification:	Photographs
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– Description

Goodman, a Boston photographer best known for his series of photographs made in that city's red light district, the so-called Combat Zone, has described the circumstances of this image: "I was walking up Commonwealth Avenue in Boston at the end of a warm day in June 1976. I heard music coming from an open second floor window and as I looked up I saw a nude couple. At the same time, they saw me with my camera and said 'hey, come on up,' and I said 'come on down.'" And they did, joyously at ease in their bodies.