

She is like a treasured book
well loved
Hard cover with protective tissues between pages
Worn faded
Her pages
a time line of childhood
Teen pregnancy
Early marriage

She is like a treasured book
With faded pages
like Sylvia Plath
she is a young mother 21 with three small children
Living on the hope of a too young marriage
Children themselves
Hanging on to the tail of a marriage
like a kite that was flying away from her

She is like a treasured book
A timeline held together by a fine silk thread
Slowly over the year letting her creativity peep through
from the crack of a breaking marriage she tried
to glue together
she took an art class
it took the marriage breaking up
for her to start her journey into becoming herself

She is like a treasured book
Her binding broken
Soon she married an older wiser man
he challenged her to speak her truth
have her voice
she did

She is like a treasured book
You don't want to finish
when he passed
she took art and writing classes
This girl who never graduated from high school
was taking classes at colleges
Attending workshops on writing
she found her mentors and friends
she was older and became to them
the mother mentor they never had
They became her posse
they loved and adored her

She is like a treasured book
Priceless
after the age of 70 she published 5 books
Became poet laureate
Taught collage and poetry workshops
Went to Esalen and allowed herself to be naked

She is like a treasured book
Holding on tightly while it crumbles in your hands
now I'm here with her so she can stay in her own home
she no longer writes poetry or creates
Her world getting smaller
Questions are repeated
I am now my mothers mother

She is like the old weathered book you treasure
but daily
pages are disappearing