

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