

BEAUTIES OF THE SOUL

ANGEL OF SCIENCE

*You help repair bodies
crippled deep inside.
Falling, failing in a fading light.*

*Invaded, violated,
too tired to fight the good fight.
Failing, falling toward the waiting night.*

*Navigator of my ship
Through my body's darkest seas.
Sextant unswerving on my medical needs.*

*Wrapping your patients
With deep compassion's light
With the gentlest of words, "We'll make you all right."*

*With the miracles of medicine
You saved my life.*

*My Angel of Science.
My Giver of Life.*

STILLNESS

*I am wrapped in stillness.
It's truth underlies all I see.
I feel its power.*

*Trees sway in the breeze.
But if you look closely--
Each perfect leaf,
Frozen in wonderful detail.*

*Caught in this moment of sunlight.
Timeless, eternal.*

MA SHERI

*Two children,
wrapped in the living glow of love.*

*How is it, you already rest so easy,
not so much in my thoughts
But with me?*

You take up no space.

*Like comfortable slippers we fit.
Where I go, you go.
I turn and you are still there,
Next to me.
Each separate, yet no distance.*

*And when you say, "My darling",
I grow still once again.
Filled with quiet tingling happiness.*

*May our hands be gentle
as we hold each others hearts.*

MOZART TO MY SALIERI

*In casual rhyme
You use the word, the phrase, so beautifully apt.
Balletic grace rolls off your keyboard*

*Like a clumsy clod
My words stumble,
Ordinary. Easily forgotten.*

*My mind is muddy,
Glimpses of perfect beauty just out of reach.
I search for the right word—grasping at dust.*

*The high school geek,
Self-conscious arms and legs flailing helplessly.
Lead-footed poetry on your dance floor.*

CATCHING THE MOMENT

As evening embers fade to woodsmoke
And blues notes breathe soft breath across her skin,
Her body sways. Waves of sleepiness
lap and roll across her mind,
Lulling her with memories of touch.

Catch her while she's smoky;
sliding into sensuality.
Caress her. Touch her lightly. Deeply.
Invoking welcoming reach that enwraps you,
Wound together in dusky rich darkness.

Grab her quick! Before the night's ocean
of sweet dreams carries her away.