

Warrior Wife

Warrior wife finds her core
Unknown strengths come to the fore
Though years of devilish dominance
Held her in taught abeyance

Moment by moment hour by hour
Daily draining of his clamour
Blasting bellowing belligerence
Allowed her no deliverance.

She tried at first calm sweetness
Serving his needs with gentleness
Self-sacrifice was a serious error
For soon her life was lived in terror

Then she dared to use her voice
Clearly indicating she had a choice
Time and again he shouted her down
Feminine essences totally blown

She put her children always first
Regardless of her own deep thirst
They will never ever know
What it cost to keep up the show

Guiding them later has been tough
Caring for others isn't enough but
The warrior wife has a new identity
As a freely-flowing feminine entity

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