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WOMAN WHO LIVED WITH WOLVES

The moon's full belly
keeps out cold.
Safe from the hunter
who beat me,
the others who taunt me,
I watch the world fill with
snow and drift
through killing cold,
safe in the cave of my friends.

Encircled by wolves,
deep in the den of their kindness,
I am borne in dreams
in their wild bright eyes,
on the warm white fur of my kin.

I run with them
and chew their food,
keen in their speech.
If I go among men again
no one will touch me.
They will learn my real name.
When I open my mouth
they will listen
and believe.

Jean Pearson

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