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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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