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A Woman of Substance

Dr. Simmi Gurwara

She wages a war to maintain and sustain
Her pride and honor, 'they' might find vain
She fights her frights first
Before she could, with the forces far out
She yearns to learn, relearn, unlearn
The neurotic norms of numb society
She shrugs off the biases and prejudices
Set against her free will
She is tender, she is warm
In her love for her people
She unleashes her wrath, fit and fury
When struck by squall, unconcerned jury
She nurtures and nourishes
Her dream flourishes
She redefines her role
Under all circumstances saves her soul
When she stumbles, when stoops
She regains strength and reignites her might
She sails across the perilous sea
Of fears, facades; of fumes, fracas
She trounces all tribulations en masse
Though she might get subdued
She bounces back each time
Holding her head high
She may go unappreciated
She may go unacknowledged
But her untiring spirit
Refuses to lie low
She culls all power that she has within
To face the forces that stare her in face

And return the crippling blow
She treads along the daunting path
Replete with unknown, unheard
She stumbles, grumbles and moves on
She fumbles, crumbles, still moves on
But refuses to be in the same old groove
She may be right, she may be wrong
Her decisions may leave her forlorn
But, she sticks to her blazing guns
B'coz, she is a woman of substance
With limited choices and a little chance
She braves all odds, keeps her stance