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# Follow Yourself Home

And Enjoy The Company

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## My Child Leaves Home

You tumbled into my heart  
I fell hopelessly in love with you  
from the first time I spied your tiny eyes  
Awe and terror that something so precious  
that smelled so pure  
could be given into my care

I long to know that I have done good enough

I wanted so much to do it perfectly  
To mother you as I was never mothered  
Give you the life I had always dreamed  
but real life and my humanness got in the way  
If I find fault, it is not criticism of you  
but my own guilt at my own failings

That I could save you from the fire of your own life  
that my struggle could take away yours and  
my suffering could protect you from pain

All I can do is admire you  
admire you into your life  
Rejoice in you, everything  
Watch breath-taken as you create your world

Forgive me for my mistakes  
honour me for doing the best I could  
share with me all the worlds that you find  
And come back to me  
in the spaces between

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