

# She Has Wings

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She has wings  
her woman life sings  
of mystery and strength  
for she went to any length  
to work, practice, and learn  
to make her mark and to earn  
a place of respect and trust.  
She has done what she must  
to fashion, create and complete  
she simply does not retreat.

She has wings  
not satisfied with the things  
that most in her home town  
did to make themselves renown  
she'd not embrace what was "normal"  
stay in the confines of the formal  
she was willing to swim upstream  
and refused to give up on her dream.

The Air Force opened doors wide  
to a place she could achieve with pride  
where she earned her bosses trust.  
She succeeded when tested and thrust  
where plans and secrets were hidden  
telling a Major even he was forbidden.  
She spread her wings to cross the sea  
where she made her mark in Germany  
discovering again that she could fly  
conquering fear, piercing the sky.

She became a sort of seamstress  
delighted with the seamless  
she took the fabric she was given  
was determined and vitally driven  
to take each irregular piece  
smooth each stubborn crease  
take threads of discord and dark  
get from the dull and lifeless a spark  
turn all the pieces in her control  
into a rare and graceful whole.

In the seismic world of oil  
she learned to pierce the soil  
go down deeper, probe and measure  
the truth - that rare and precious treasure  
almost as *valuable* as common sense  
and her integrity without pretense.  
They called her Mother Superior  
for her standards forbade the inferior  
she persevered with her given task.  
Quit before done? Don't even ask!

Through many trials and tribulations  
she rose above expectations.  
From injuries and harm endured  
she thrived, survived and matured.  
She married and had a little girl  
raised and nurtured her like a pearl.  
A loyal and faithful friend  
good to the young and old kin  
through storms and tears and awful things  
beyond her eighty years, still - she has wings.