




Marie Garter

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My mother kept a garden  
A garden of the heart  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start  
She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem  
And when the winds and rain came  
She protected me enough  
But not too much because she knew  
I'd need to stand up strong and tough  
Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong  
Markers for my pathway  
That will last a lifetime long  
I am my mother's garden  
I am her legacy  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Reflected back from me.



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