

# IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU

chapter nine

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*For those of us  
no matter how loud we yell,  
still cannot be heard*

*and for those,  
who should allowed life to  
progress on its own  
and watched the flowers grow  
with all its glory  
and not repaint its colors*

*and most of all  
for Brayden  
a beautiful young boy  
who loves all of life  
and those around him  
without expectations.*

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## **THE COLLECTION**

*Are you listening  
If it wasn't for you  
I am listening to it  
I hear the dream*

*Faces*

*Warring words  
Put it to my head*

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## **ARE YOU LISTENING**

*I could sneeze in front of you  
and you would not hear me,  
I could laugh in front of you  
and you would not hear me.*

*If I were to excuse myself  
you would not respond,  
If I were to quite myself  
you would still not hear.*

*If it was you  
and you were to make a sound,  
If it were you and you  
broke the silence.*

*If it was you  
and you wanted to be heard,  
If it was you that wanted to be heard  
louder than the rest.*

*I would be the one,  
the one to say a word,  
But I would not be the one  
to play that game.*



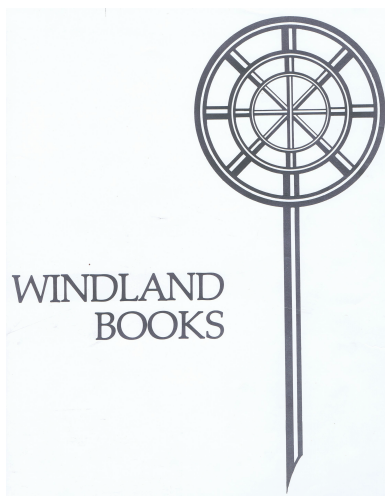
***IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU***

*If it wasn't for you  
I do not believe that  
I would have the faith  
that I do.*

*If it wasn't for you  
I would not have  
carried on  
wanting to finish life.*

*If it wasn't for you  
I would not have carried  
on for as long  
as I did.*

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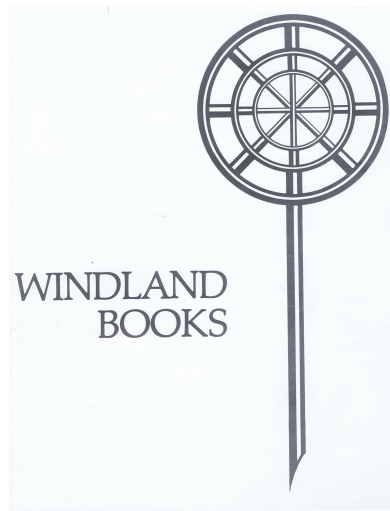
***I AM LISTENING TO IT***

*I am listening to it  
but cannot hear.*

*I am listening  
and cannot understand.*

*I am  
and cannot.*

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### ***I HEAR THE DREAM***

*I would rather be  
outside listening to the rain,  
then to be in here  
listening to the numbing  
sound of the people.*

*I would rather be  
outside feeling the breeze  
from the rain,  
then the gust of air from  
the vents above me.*

*I would rather be  
outside tasting the dampness  
of the cold,  
then the dry air  
of miss-understanding.*

*I would rather collect  
my thoughts away  
from everything,  
then continue carelessly  
through the day.*



## **FACES**

*There are so many faces  
that surround each of us.  
There are not enough people in the world  
to sit and listen for any moment,  
for each of us express the need.*

*If I sit and listen,  
listen to the music that brings pain,  
hurt, discord,  
and love to all of us.  
If I sit and listen to  
what is happening in my mind.*

*In a flash  
it all can go away ,  
I hurt, my tears are my own.  
There are moments  
that in a blink of the eye can go away.*

*Why so many faces  
that I must go through.  
Why does it happen this way,  
I cannot tell you  
all that my heart has to say.*

*In a flash of the moment  
I can be who I am,  
and in the next flash  
I am not.*

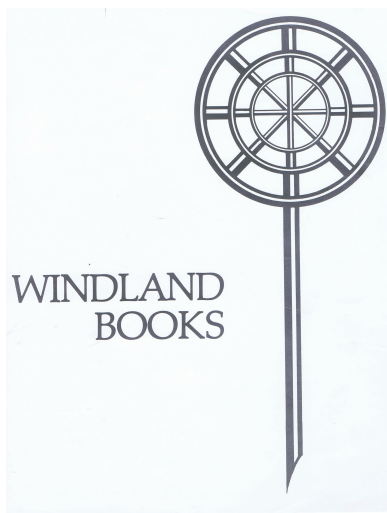
*There are so many faces  
that I am,  
there are so many faces  
that I am not.*



## WARRING WORDS

*I am watching  
the world as it is burning,  
I am watching the silence that proceeds  
all great victories.*

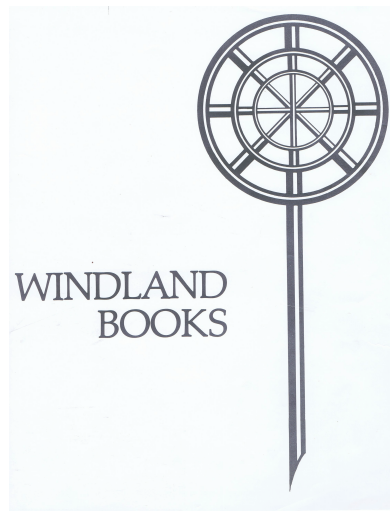
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**PUT IT TO MY HEAD**

*I Always thought  
that if I were to be  
who I am,  
who I thought I was,  
you would believe in me  
and I would be  
who you would want to me be.*

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## **NO LIES**

*Sometimes people  
dance around the words.  
They say as much as they do  
and dance around the light.*

*Sometimes people  
say things that means  
other things they dare not say,  
as much as they wish  
others to know.*

*Stop dancing.  
Stop saying.  
Start expressing.  
Start dreaming.*

*Tell me the truth  
about the way you feel.  
Tell me the truth  
about what you want.*

*There is no more time  
for lies.  
There is no more time  
to lose.  
There is only time  
only one love.*



## **UNTIE ME**

*It has taken years  
to tie the strings around my heart.  
And it has taken more to untie them.*

*There are no more innocent hearts*

*If I keep asking you the same  
questions about who you are  
and what you do  
over and over again.  
Its not because I am not listening  
it is because I have so many  
things on my mind  
and I just want to know  
everything there is to know about you  
and how you are  
and what you are  
so I can be comfortable with you.*

*There is nothing worse  
than a single piece  
of blank paper  
with not a single word  
written on it.*

*So please untie me.*



## **HEART AND SOUL**

*I would like to share  
with you what is in my heart.  
I would like to share with you  
what is in my soul.*

*Could you be honest enough  
with me  
to share about what is  
in your heart and soul.*

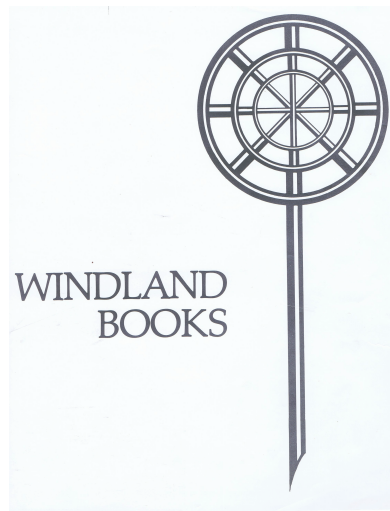
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***THERE***

*There is no more time to waste.  
There is no more time to pretend.  
There is no more time  
to stop asking.  
There is no more time  
but to love you here and now.*

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## **MY HEART**

*My heart was cut a long time ago  
by a sharp lifeless blade,  
that left it wide open.*

*My heart was damaged  
and I have slowly wrapped it  
with a string that  
holds it together.*

*I have tried for many years  
to find - one person,  
one life, one love,  
that could close the wound,  
hold My Heart in their hand  
and touch my soul forever.*

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## **GLASS**

*What is it that separates  
people by a glass wall.*

*Why is it that for every  
moment when I find myself  
wanting to love someone  
it is a far reach, a challenge  
for them to see me in a way  
that they can love.*

*When I walked a fine line  
so many times before.  
telling what I feel  
and the chances of being rejected.*

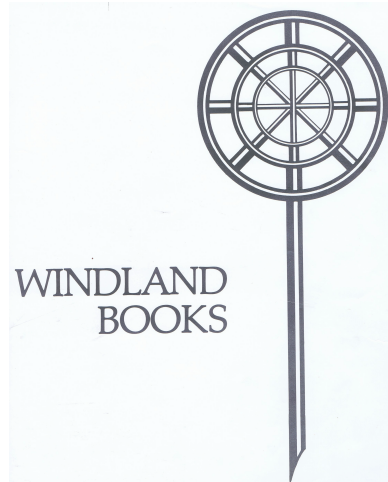
*The moment when I can  
say how I feel and have  
one person I want to be with  
accept me and the opportunity  
to be with them.*

*I cannot touch or speak  
through the glass.*



## ***JUST LIKE YOU***

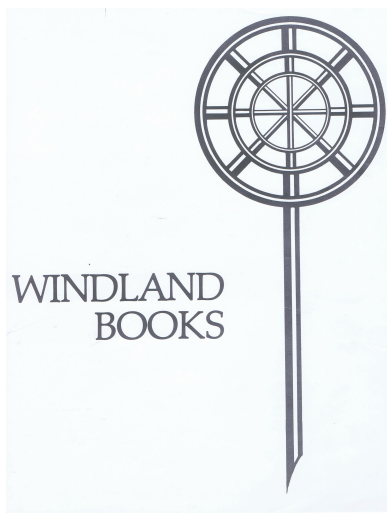
*It is so hard to find you,  
it is so hard to ask you to believe.  
Just like you, I thought  
I had knew the person  
I was with, was the right person,  
Just like you, I convinced myself  
that they were who I  
thought they were.  
Just like you, I wasted many years,  
months, weeks, days and hours  
trying to make them something they are not.  
Just like you, my frustrations  
turned to anger because  
I was forcing someone to be  
someone they could not be.  
Just like you, it is easy  
to miss the moment when I find  
the one person who is what I want  
without making them to be  
someone they are not.  
Just like you I want a fresh start.*



***May 5-17***

*Everyday may  
seems like  
an eternity,  
and every moment,  
like a spark..*

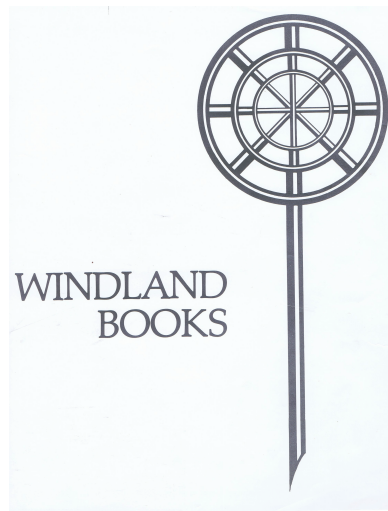
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**May 46**

*Couch,  
tweezers,  
46 year old,  
17 year old,  
party,  
events,  
the interconnected thread.*

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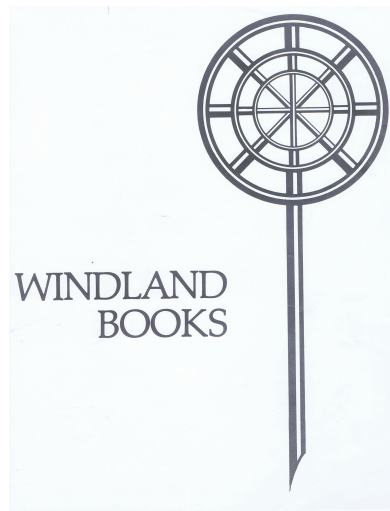


**LORI**

*Life is a series  
of moments.  
Either spontaneous  
or instantaneous.*

*Each moment is connected  
by a single thread.  
Break one,  
and the others  
fall away.*

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## **SUBTLE INVITATIONS**

*I would not be here,  
reaching,  
thinking about how  
much I wish to be with you.*

*I would not be here,  
lying upon cool green grass,  
staring up into the clouds  
if it were not for you.*

*I would not be here  
believing and dreaming  
if it wasn't for the moment that  
you invited me in.*

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## **SHAPES TO COME**

*Even the images that are made of smoke,  
comes from the fire that burns  
and cannot persuade me  
to look the other way.*

*Even the images that are made from the mind,  
comes from the moment of opportunity  
and cannot persuade my  
heart of anything different.*

*Even the images that are made from life,  
comes from a sense of belief  
and cannot persuade me  
that I love nothing less than you.*

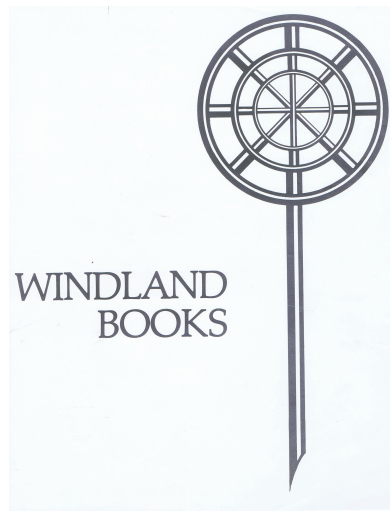
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***ILISE***

*There are no regrets  
when the Love you share is real.  
There is no Love without the faith to believe.*

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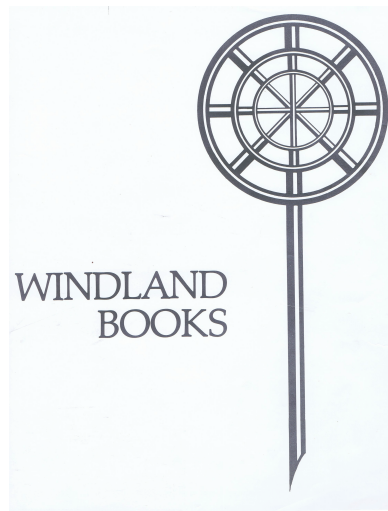
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*I don't want to  
close my eyes,  
because I am only  
loving you.*

*The hurt becomes  
more painful  
because I am only  
loving you.*

*The love becomes  
missing  
because I am only  
loving you*

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***THERE IS***

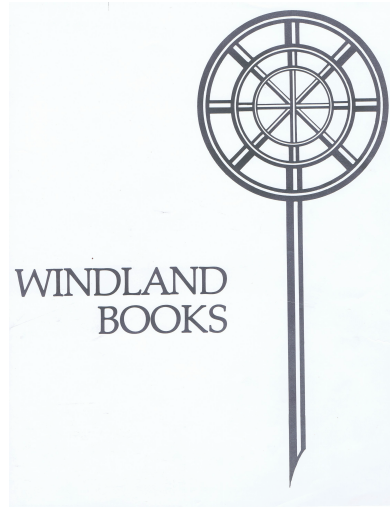
*There is a dream,  
Just a dream  
that keeps me alive.*

*There is a moment  
just a moment  
that keeps me dreaming.*

*There is a love  
just a love  
that keeps me living.*

*There is a dream  
just one dream  
and you were it.*

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**A LONELY HEART PREVAILS**

*Deep in my heart  
I know that you are there.  
Deep within love  
I know you are here.*

*Going home  
I know that you are there.  
Going toward your love  
I know that you are here.*

*Reaching within my heart  
I know that you are there.  
Reaching within your heart  
a lonely heart prevails.*

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## **GROWING OLDER**

*It doesn't matter  
what your age  
everyone is young at heart.*

*To the young age  
is about getting older and knowing it all.  
To an adult it is  
about the heart and the spirit.*

*To the youth  
growing older is about the  
weakening of the body and wisdom gained.  
To the adult its about  
keeping the body as strong  
as the mind.*

*To the elderly it about  
not losing the youth  
within their heart  
and the clarity of the mind.*

*When you grow older  
it isn't about how you have matured or  
how sensible you are.  
Its about how young you  
believe your heart is  
and if you are willing to play  
again like a child.*



## **PASSING TIME**

*I was lying there  
staring at the moon  
looking at my watch  
I saw the time,  
it was a quarter to nine.*

*Looking at my watch I couldn't  
help but think  
how long it was going to be  
until I saw you again.*

*Looking at the time  
I became impatient with time  
I realized that I  
would have to wait, wait  
for the time to pass.*

*I became depressed  
thinking of how long  
in days hours and minutes  
that would have to pass  
before I had the opportunity  
to see you and talk to you again.*

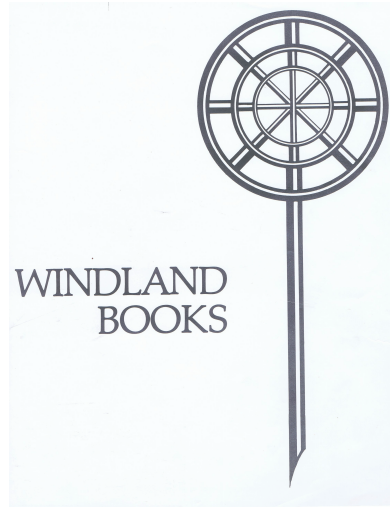


## ***LIFE AGAIN***

*Life has its ups and downs.  
Sometimes you may feel like  
you have misplaced it.  
Then you spend the rest of your life  
trying to find it again.*

*Life begins once you accept  
the consequences of life.*

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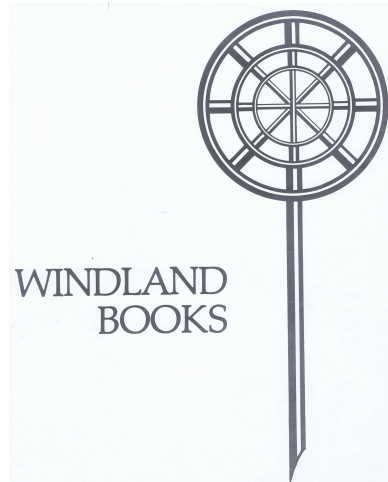
## **WHAT YOU DID**

*What you did last light  
wasn't fair.  
You should have stayed  
the night,  
I should have had  
more time.*

*Fifteen minutes with you  
wasn't enough to show you,  
show you what fun I can be,  
fun is more than words.*

*What you did the next day  
opened my eyes,  
you lost an opportunity  
to see the love  
in front of you.*

*What you said  
made my day  
and made me reassess life,  
What you believed  
made my year and made  
me start over new again.*



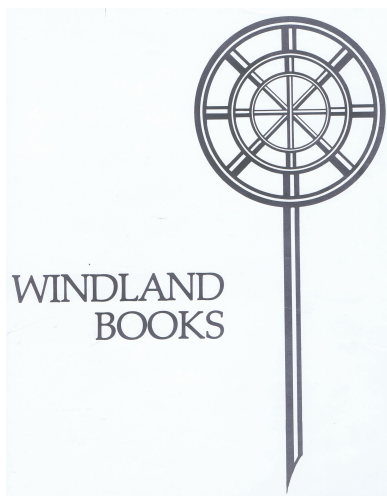
## ***PIECES OF YOU***

*Somewhere between  
the moon and the stars  
lies an open place  
filled with wishes and dreams.*

*Somewhere between  
friends and a companion  
lies an open place  
filled with hopes and promises.*

*Somewhere between  
the heart and soul  
lies an open place  
filled with pieces of you.*

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## **A MISSED CALL**

*At first I missed  
all your calls nightly  
they were so frequent  
they were so predictable.*

*I loved to hear your  
voice even though  
it became expected.*

*But the topics  
seemed to repeat  
themselves and things  
became routine.*

*Then the day came  
when you stopped  
your discussions,  
personal feelings  
you wanted to share  
and there were no more.*

*The days had passed  
and your voice  
became weaker in my thoughts  
and I began to forget  
who you where  
and about them all.*



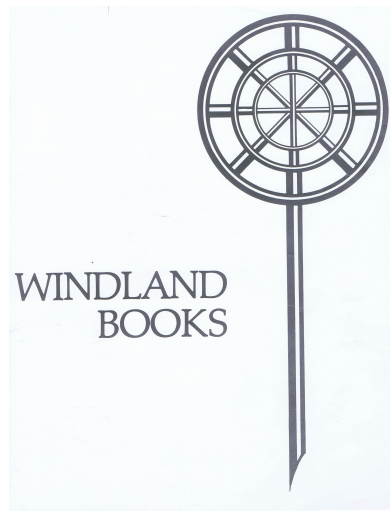
## **WITH YOU**

*I want someone  
who I can laugh with,  
cry with, fight with,  
feel with and love with.*

*I want someone  
who I can live with,  
play with, run with,  
talk with and grow with.*

*I want someone  
who I can spend  
the rest of my life with,  
and that someone is you.*

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## ***FIRST KISS***

*Sometimes it is not  
the first time you meet someone  
that you fall in love.*

*Sometimes it the dance,  
sometimes it is the song,  
sometimes it's the smile  
you can't get off your face*

*Sometimes it's the dream  
late into the night,  
sometimes its waking  
up still thinking  
and believing in someone.*

*Sometime it's the first kiss.*

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## ***YOU STOLE EVERYTHING***

*I am having trouble  
sharing my love.  
Something so simple  
as a kiss.*

*I am self conscious about  
my own front yard.*

*You stole the very  
part of me  
that I have wanted  
to share.*

*I want to love so  
badly  
I know it will  
take me time to get there.*

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## **JOSH 05**

*I am struggling with you again  
I have asked for you to leave.  
I have this vision of you and me  
friends and buddies sitting and talking  
enjoying each others company.*

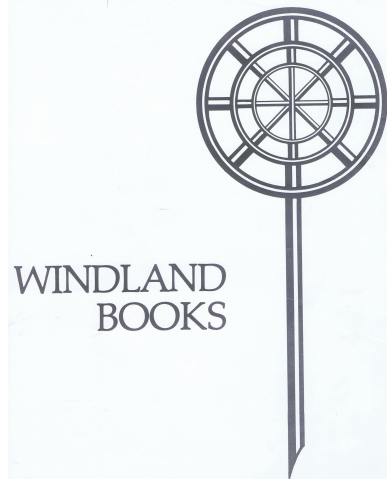
*I am struggling with the  
thought that you and I  
do not share our pain  
and experiences together.*

*Little things drive me to  
push you, make you be  
responsible for who you are,  
who I believe you should be.*

*I am making decisions  
for you and me,  
making choices that  
you have not made for yourself.*

*I am struggling with  
my love you  
and wanting to help  
you and keep you near.*

*But I am hurting you  
by allowing you to stay.  
I need for you to be your own man.  
Your own person, so we can be fair  
and honest and good  
to each other.*



*It hurts me to kick you out,  
because I know how much it hurt  
when my father push me, my brother  
and sisters out of his life.*

*Things were different then.  
The circumstances were so  
criminal, so much different.  
Yet I do not want to  
carry the baggage of  
my past on you.*

*I need to let you go  
and you need to  
make a life of your own.*

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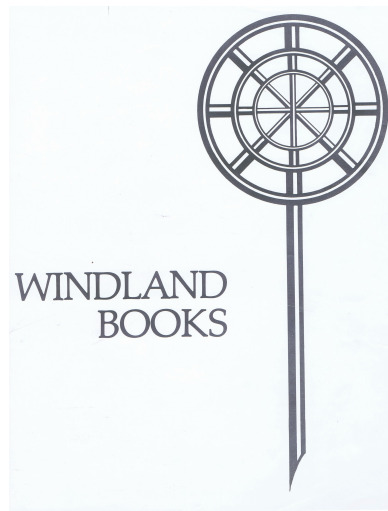
## **CHANGE**

*Things were different then,  
the circumstances were  
so criminal, so much different.*

*Yet I do not want  
to carry the baggage  
of my past onto you.*

*I need to let you go  
and you need to  
make a life  
of your own.*

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## **MARIA**

*I was thinking of you,  
as I was driving home.  
Traveling east  
I was gazing into the  
light of the moon.*

*Mesmerized by the light,  
I thought of your smile,  
your eyes and your kiss*

*I thought of your dark hair,  
your words the other day,  
the heart you have  
and the warmth of your words.*

*Shadowed by the clouds  
that created a bright  
sliver of light,  
the moon looked  
like a crack of light  
shining through  
like looking into heaven.*

*All I could do  
was think of you  
and the time  
we spend together.*



*If the light was a  
peak into heaven,  
you were what I would see,  
and if heaven is a place  
in your heart,  
then that is where  
I would like to be.*

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## ***PLACES***

*If I could make the world about you.  
I would start by leaving a flower  
everyday in the places that you have been.*

*I would leave a note with a word  
at every corner you turned.*

*I would leave a song  
at the beginning every shadow  
and a melody at the end.*

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## **ME AND YOU**

*Me missing you.  
Wanting to be there,  
holding you, loving you.*

*Honesty kills, honesty mends.  
I have said things  
things I thought you  
wanted to hear  
things you question about.*

*Honesty lives, honesty is hope.  
I wanted you to know me.  
But knowing me brought doubt  
doubt in your mind  
doubt in your heart.*

*You missing me.  
You told me you loved me  
long before I knew  
I loved you.*

*Honesty is life, honesty is love.  
I have loved you, you have loved me.  
You, let distorted bits  
of truths, distorted bits of exaggeration,  
kill your love for me.*

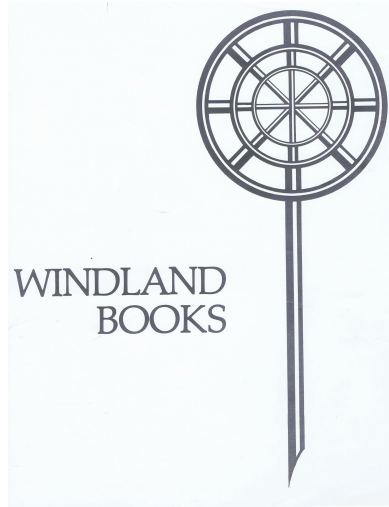
*Me and You.  
I didn't ask for you  
to love me.  
You just did.*



*You and Me.  
You didn't ask for me  
to love you.  
I just did.*

*Me loving You.  
You Loving Me  
Always*

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**SWEETIE**

*There isn't a moment  
in my life  
were I felt  
that there was someone  
who would care  
as much about me  
as I would them.*

*I dreamed about  
moments were love  
meant more than possession.*

*I dreamed then as  
I do now that I  
could be appreciated  
for who I am.*

*There isn't a moment  
in my life  
were I would rather be  
then with you.*



## **MY ANGEL**

*Moments of life passing  
struggling with the real  
things of life.*

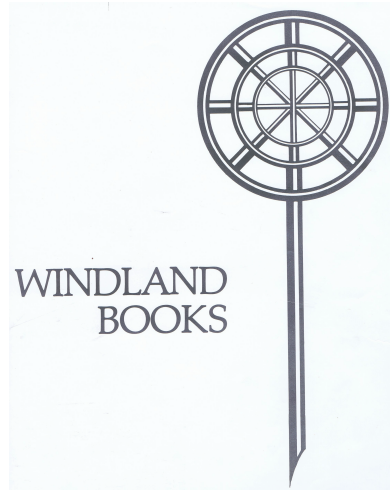
*Moments of truths that  
hit at us like  
targets tied to trees.*

*Moments of frustration  
and anger  
and confusion that confront us.*

*Moments of life taken  
taking away  
and changing all of us.*

*Moments of love lost  
when angels come  
and take us.*

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## **HONEYMOON**

*There was a moment when  
I touched you.  
I was captured by your warmth,  
your energy, your ability  
to embrace me.*

*There was a moment when  
I looked into your eyes  
and saw the subtle color  
of a warm and a loving heart.*

*There was a moment,  
when I felt you  
and you were there  
in heart and soul.*

*There was a moment  
of change when you opened  
the door into my heart  
and saw the pain I carried.*

*There was once a brighter  
kindness that I wanted to share  
with you and give to you  
all that I am.*

*There was a time  
when I had something  
for you, around you  
and there was no more left to share.*

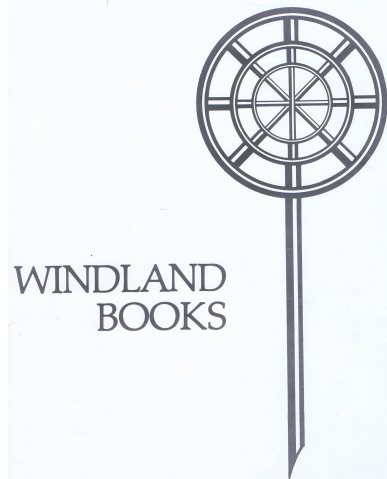


## **THE MIRROR**

*I met someone today.  
They were sitting  
and watching clouds pass by.  
In watching them  
I noticed a distance stare.  
Almost lifeless, looking out  
and not even noticing that I was there.  
I asked them what was it that they saw  
and for a moment  
I thought I saw their lips begin to move,  
but instead I watched a breath of air  
come out and nothing more.*

*What is it that they see that has them so lost,  
so taken away from hearing me.  
I started to shout not out loud  
but from my heart  
as I began to feel an overwhelming  
sense of loss and abandonment.  
What is it,  
why can I not reach their ears,  
their mind, their heart.  
What is it that keeps them looking  
but not seeing.  
What is it that keeps them from hearing  
the breath of life.*

*I met someone today.  
Then I shut off the light in the room  
and they were gone.*



**BRAYDEN**

*Sometimes I just don't know  
where the moments take me.  
I sit and think and remember  
about you.*

*I try to connect from a distance  
but the lack of seeing  
keeps me from connecting to you.*

*I see you playing  
running and dancing.  
I see you talking and laughing,  
enjoying the moments.*

*I try to talk to you  
but the moments are short  
as you are distracted by small things  
everything that catches your eye.*

*I miss you and I know that  
you miss me,  
but are having trouble  
understanding why.*

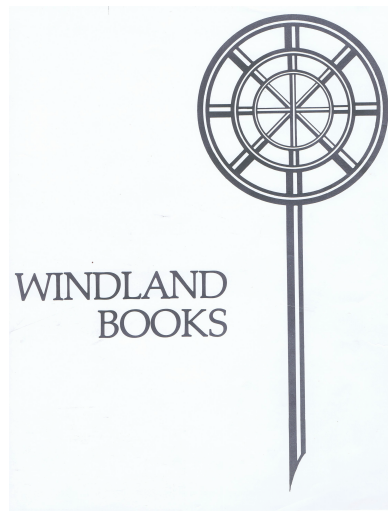
*I hope to see you again,  
face to face,  
so we can laugh  
and run and play.*



*I know that someday  
you will remember  
the things as I do,  
and when you do  
I hope you will remember  
the love that I have for you.*

*Dad  
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## ***A SIMPLE HEART***

*Once a simple heart  
lay watching the stars  
move ever so slightly across  
the night and sparkle with the  
moon by its side,  
playing so restless.*

*The moments that the heart  
was there, it wanted to share itself  
with you, but you wanted  
to make it love you  
in ways it could  
not understand.*

*Once this simple heart  
was open to you  
and open to loving you  
and loving the very things  
that made it seem so simple  
to live life with you.*

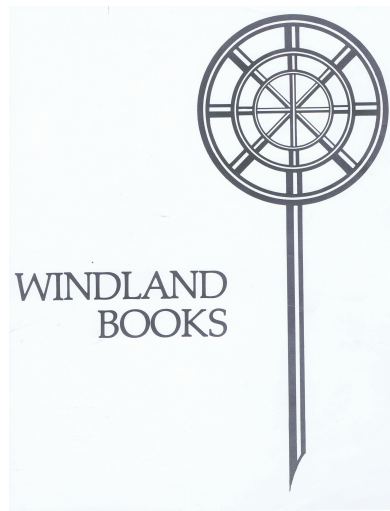
*Those very moments that  
the heart helplessly needed  
your love to be accepting,  
found that it could not  
because there was anger  
and fear from the one it loved.*

*Once a simple heart  
lay dying and broken, bleeding  
and in need of healing,  
it could not find  
compassion for itself,  
or for love.*



*Every moment it sits waiting  
in the dark silence,  
its wounds deepen leaving scares,  
leaving a trail of loss, hurt, anger,  
questions why  
its life ended the way it had.*

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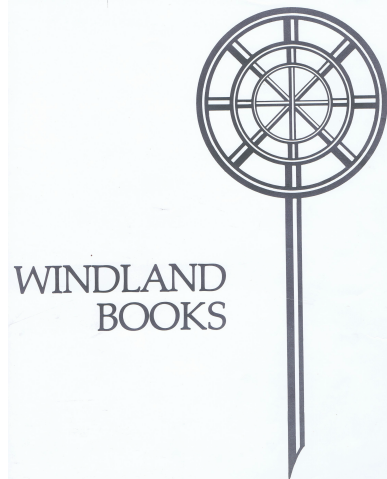
## **ROSES**

*If I should die  
before you leave me  
I will leave a rose on  
the floor where you walk each day,  
a pink one on the balcony,  
a red one at your door.*

*I will leave hope  
that will remind you  
of each place we met,  
where we kissed  
and said I love you.*

*Each day I will  
leave you a pink rose,  
in places that you will pass,  
in places where we have been,  
in moments that will remind you.*

*Each day I will leave you  
a red rose  
in places you leave  
and wait for you to  
enter the room full of roses.*



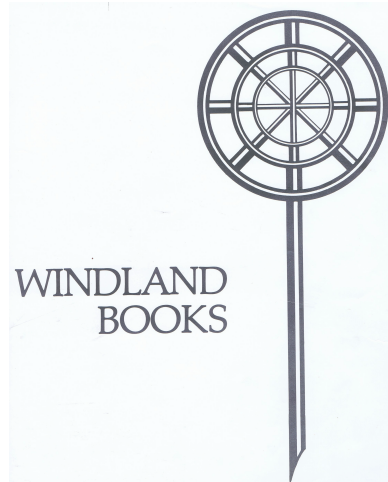
**BRAY**

*I love the color green  
because this is your favorite  
and because you love all  
things that grow,  
like the love you have for all those  
that touch your heart.*

*There is nothing more beautiful  
as the smile on your face  
when you are surprised  
by the gifts of life  
that you receive and that  
are given with love.*

*I love how you grab  
my face and bring yours  
close to mine so you can  
see into my eyes  
and my heart.*

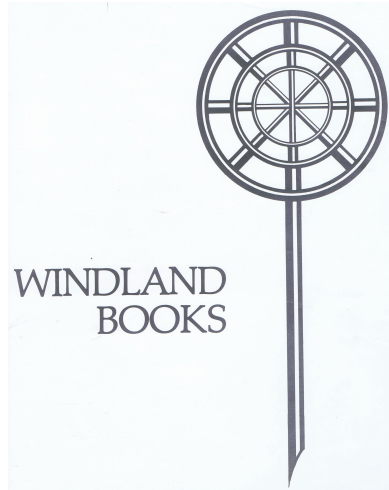
*There is always a place  
in my heart that is yours  
and I know even if I am  
not there, that you have a place  
in your heart for me.*



## **UNFAIR**

*Life can be unfair  
People we love try to  
guide us in directions  
they believe is right.  
Their intent is honorable  
their love is just,  
their thoughts are clear  
their emotions can be overwhelming.*

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## **DREAMS OF CHRISTINA**

*Your enthusiasm effects me  
the moment you speak,  
your brown eyes reflect  
a joyful soul  
and gives you a place in  
my heart.*

*There are moments  
when I have to forget that  
you are there.  
It hurts me to do so,  
my mind has been consumed  
by the thought of you.*

*If I don't control my emotions  
my heart will run  
away from me.  
I can still see you  
walking on the beach  
holding my hand.*



**MY C**

*My comfortable Skin  
My comfortable Emotion  
My comfortable Mind  
My comfortable Heart  
My comfortable Love  
My comfortable Steps  
My comfortable Life  
My comfortable Touch  
My comfortable View.*

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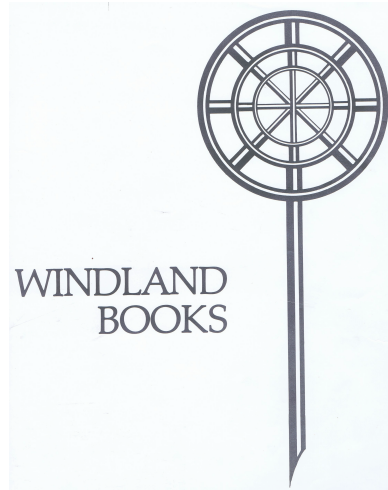
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*In the greater days  
when sitting in openness  
and cool nights  
with someone you love  
did life make sense?*

*In the greater days  
when seeing you walk by  
my heart beat rapidly  
and your beauty  
soothed my spirit.*

*In the greater days  
when you teased my heart  
by your words  
I fell in love with you.*

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***SHE WALKED IN***

*She walked in  
And with a brush stroke  
Tried to repaint my life.*

*There was no balance  
In thought or play  
There was no listening.*

*There was no openness  
Just a thrust to change  
All that was and had been.*

*There was no love  
Or appreciation  
For what I loved.*

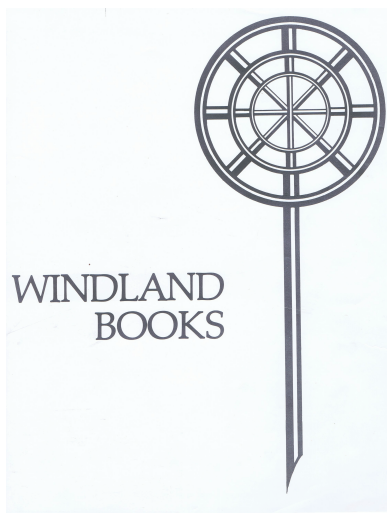
*There was only moments  
Where I thought I saw the  
Women I loved before.*



**GARDEN STATE**

*I never realized how  
Important large holes  
Can be.  
Everything you know  
Is part of something  
Bigger than we are.*

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## *NAILS*

*I'm looking at the nail  
In the wall  
a place that remains empty  
a picture  
that once hung there  
one you laid claim to  
has left its mark.*

*If there was something  
there before,  
then it is still true  
that you were  
once here with me  
even if miles separate us.*

*I've moved on  
and put the past away,  
my memories in a box  
for you to find.*



## ***FIRE***

*Everything is not a fire.  
When you speak of urgency  
It does not mean you  
have to run.*

*I'm angry at my brother,  
even though I know he  
loves and watches over me.  
I'm hurting and I feel alone.  
I am lost without him.*

*I love all my children,  
I cannot reach all of them and  
protect them from harm,  
even though my brother does.*

*Everything is not a fire  
and you do not have to run  
away from it  
or be blinded by its light.*

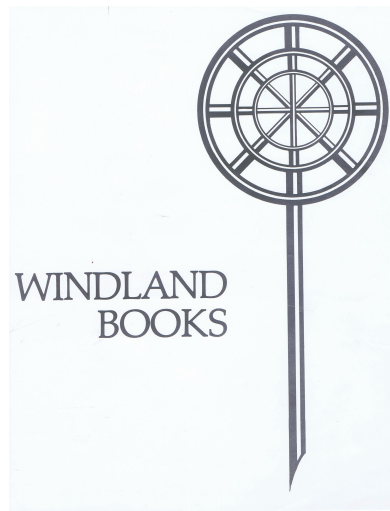
*Even though,  
a flow of water  
can cleanse the heart  
and the soul,  
only love can cool  
the flames of hate.*



**POETRY**

*Never stops writing itself  
Never stops expressing itself  
Born in the heart  
Remembered by the mind  
Spoken through love*

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## ***ALL I NEEDED WAS A MOMENT TO BREATHE***

*You stopped believing in my love for you.  
Your attacks on my time away  
were not related to real events,  
yet you continued your pursuit.*

*All I needed was a moment to breathe.*

*I did cheat on you  
but not with another women.  
I just needed my own time  
I needed to rediscover who I am*

*All I needed was a moment to breathe.*

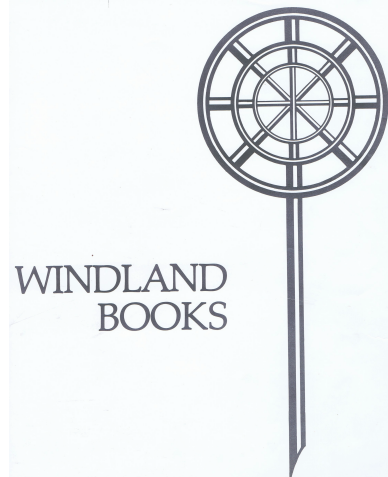
*I did lie to you,  
but not about being with another  
I just needed time  
to find my own peace in my heart.*

*All I needed was a moment to breathe.*

*I wanted to spend  
the rest of my life with you,  
I wanted to love you deeply  
and you would not take care of yourself,  
even if we are miles apart.*

*All I needed was a moment to breathe.*

*You stopped believing in me,  
you stopped and made it all about you,  
you could not see that all I needed  
was a moment to breathe.*



***WHERE ARE YOU KNOW***

There is no closer place in the heart  
than the space left for you.

There is no greater sound  
than the sound of ones voice.

There is no more special word  
and the one that turns  
doubt into love.

If it wasn't for you  
I would not have grown stronger  
in who I am  
and I would not have survived  
the moments left alone.

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