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for  
Dagney C. Ernest

*Forward*

. . . the spark for all of the poems that have come out of me is always love, a desire to tell someone I care about something inexpressible and wonderful, something worth remembering.

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## Going out

Going out  
she didn't complain

Center balanced  
she paddled steadily  
fearless

Up into the lake  
medium waves  
and heavy  
constant wind  
coming straight at us

Working simply  
rhythmically  
we glided through  
synchronized  
to ourselves  
our canoe  
and paddles  
to wind  
and water

Angled right  
to the first point

Closer in  
passed two  
empty camp sites  
then two more points  
and a third site  
also empty

Ours

We brought the canoe  
in



Took our clothes  
off

to enjoy  
late afternoon  
sun

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Side by side

Side by side  
towels and  
us

Fingers  
on sun on  
skin

Old bodies  
feeling  
young

The silence  
of soaking  
all of it  
in

Awake

## Rained all day

It rained  
all day

We talked  
and read  
made love  
and ate crackers  
with big hunks  
of cheese

warm in our  
little  
two person  
tent

## Returning

At our backs  
cold hands  
shoving  
fierce winds  
and wide swells  
outracing  
us

Water lifting  
lifting  
and falling

Paddling on a  
tightrope

Back the way  
we had come  
two days ago

Wild gusts  
whitecaps  
and suspense  
at the  
end

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## Crunch

Strong hearted  
hard working woman

Crunch

Jump out

We're there

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## Thank you

Thank you  
for bringing us home  
safely

Thank you for us –  
at stern  
a lucky  
straight-arrow man

and a wise, real loving  
sure-handed woman  
in bow

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Thank you

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