

## **ALL SHE WANTED**

All her life  
all she wanted  
was to be someone  
who was  
loved and accepted,  
to be someone  
who was not  
fearful and inadequate.

All her life  
all she wanted  
was to come out  
from behind  
the masks and disguises,  
to be released  
from the confusion and suffering.

All her life  
all she wanted  
was to be  
someone else.

One morning  
her heart began  
to crack open.  
Finally,  
all she wanted  
was to be  
herself.

*Dennis Warren*