

## Sigh Loca

(1980's?)

Sigh loca  
Set in time  
And set in trial  
Come  
And go  
Monster  
And you better  
Not minimize  
Cauterize  
I mean  
Terrorize me  
It's official  
I'm weary  
Of worry  
I won't wait  
For your calls  
Of crisis  
And unhonored  
Warranties  
I guarantee  
A woman  
Can weather  
The burden  
Aches  
And unanswered  
Earnest  
Entreaties  
She will persevere  
And fight  
To flourish  
With courage  
Daring  
The demons  
And deprivations  
If necessary  
If need be

With determination  
Towards  
Survival  
For the sake  
Of the species  
The babies  
And beings  
In our care  
And for whom  
We care

And crying silently  
Is second nature  
By now  
At this sharp point  
Of historical  
Mounting  
Emergency  
A severe  
And unsettling  
Century

And as she knows  
To nurture  
The future  
With a plea  
In poetry  
And prayer  
In present