

# Dori Marler

When you tell them about me  
tell them I was a good cook  
and that I planted flowers  
tell them I liked to sing

When you tell them about me  
say that I tried to be fair  
and kind to everyone  
tell them I wanted to be a good friend

When you tell them about me  
tell them I love the company of those who read  
and I am humbled  
in their presence

When they ask about me  
tell them I knew how to dance  
and that I loved young men  
who were beautiful

When they ask  
tell them I adored  
Rachmaninoff  
and BB king

When they ask about me  
tell them I told off color jokes  
that I loved fresh figs  
and champagne in crystal glasses

Tell them I cried at the opera  
and that I saw Nureyev dance  
tell them I swam in the Pacific  
and the Atlantic

Tell them I once was blonde  
and slender as a reed  
tell them I loved my babies  
and children of all ages

If they ask about me  
tell them I wanted a bountiful world  
free of war for them  
with clean air and fresh water

If they ask about me  
tell them I wanted to see  
and feel all the beauty  
and wonder that a heart can hold

tell them I wanted to know  
everything and every one  
tell them I wanted  
to swallow the world

If they ask... if they ask,  
But only if they ask.

# Tell Them



Dori likes to say she was born in a lighthouse because she thinks that sounds dramatic. Dori loves drama. The truth is, Dori was born in a small town near Philadelphia Pennsylvania, named Eddystone after the lighthouse in the English Channel. Dori has been known to whistle Puccini arias in her sleep and to impersonate Gypsy Rose Lee While showering. She loves pasta, red wine, good-looking men and art, every kind of art. From a very early age, she wrote poetry and drew cartoons from the Sunday paper. Later, she began painting landscapes and snow scenes in oil. These days Dori paints in watercolor, acrylic, mixed media and sketches in charcoal, graphite, colored pencil and pastel. "When I am involved in art, either painting or writing, it seems that the world goes away, I sometimes look up at the clock, and I am astounded that hours have passed without my awareness." Dori has served in several art organizations, including the board of directors at VIVA as Salon Director, San Fernando Valley Art Club, as past president and is currently president of Valley Watercolor Society. Dori co-hosts with famous poet, James Maverick, a twice monthly open mic reading in Studio City, called The Poetry Fix. Her poetry has been published in the on line publication *Examiner*, *Cobalts*, *Poet of the Month*, *The San Luis Poetry Festival* and the *Wild Women of Words Anthology*. Dori is currently working on her book of poetry, essays and a collection of *Slice of Life Stories*.