

## MY MOTHER'S GARDEN

My mother kept a garden  
A garden of the heart  
She planted all the good things  
That gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine  
And encouraged me to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came  
She protected me enough  
But not too much; she knew I'd need  
To stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example  
Always taught me right from wrong  
Markers for my pathway  
To last my whole life long.

I am my mother's garden,  
I am her legacy;  
And I hope today she feels the love  
Redirected back from me.