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# A Woman with a PhD.

A hundred sleepless nights  
talking to God but hearing no reply.  
Replacing dreams with tears,  
justifying the use of all her years.  
Chasing a dream that seemed so right and wrong.

A seeming beacon in her bones,  
ushering her both far and home,  
a call for learning too strong to ignore,  
an ambition and goal to reach for more.

Weeping in the night, wishing to pull  
her soul back together that split long ago.  
When chasing her dreams seemed like abandoning God,  
how could she prevail against such odds?

I want it God, for Thou gave to me  
a mind to think and people to free.  
Surely, one day these pieces must fit  
in a form where faith and dreams can coexist.

Pulling together both sides of a soul:  
one to nurture and one to grow.  
Taught to stay in the home  
left to fight a desire to roam.

But another year without an answer.  
Another year planning for something grander.  
Another year without resolve.  
Another year falling deeper in love with her goals.

Ignoring the voice saying she was wrong,  
clinging on, trying to be strong,  
Trusting that one day all would be right  
and the confusion would turn to light.

She fought for years, giving all she had  
to fulfill a wish she didn't even understand.  
Until one day she felt a voice  
that forever confirmed her choice.

The pain will leave when she sees His ways  
and realizes that everything is explained  
by a loving Father who wanted a daughter  
to become more than all that would daunt her.

To get a PhD when the world told her no—  
a woman's struggle to accept her soul.  
To stand at heartbreak's door and say,  
"My path follows in God's higher way."  
To chase a dream that seems so right and wrong.