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## Three Poems

By Rev. Judith Mensch

### Love Song

my love, my light  
your song whispers softly over my heart  
and we are together once more

you are there  
dancing in the blood coursing through my body  
warming me to your embrace

thus united  
the echoes of our empty souls are filled  
and we become eternal

my love, my light  
promise me you will never leave me, never die  
love me forever

### Waiting

The sun stretched long, late arms to reach me  
but arms that long and late are weak.  
I have missed her kiss, it is true;  
in my safety I sacrifice such things.  
It seemed better that way, in this dark space,  
to wait for something better.

Soon other hands will touch me, open my warmth,  
spread me over the ground so I may work.  
Only then will I know fulfillment  
and know the wait to be worthy.  
When the sun comes then, her arms strong and cold  
I will meet her with my lips.

### A Warm Day in Winter

Sweet respite  
wave your breeze  
across my soul

thaw the ice-hard  
fear contracting  
my spirit

convince me  
that I should trust  
an open heart

that I will not  
be wounded again  
made sport of

laughed at by

gray and gloom  
and treachery

that there is  
hope and life  
and sunshine

that the state  
of my existence  
is not the state

of my existence  
but rather  
a temporary joke.

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