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for
Dagney C. Ernest

Forward

... the spark for all of the poems that have come out of me is always love, a desire to tell someone I care about something inexpressible and wonderful, something worth remembering.

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Going out

Going out
she didn't complain

Center balanced
she paddled steadily
fearless

Up into the lake
medium waves
and heavy
constant wind
coming straight at us

Working simply
rhythmically
we glided through
synchronized
to ourselves
our canoe
and paddles
to wind
and water

Angled right
to the first point

Closer in
passed two
empty camp sites
then two more points
and a third site
also empty

Ours

We brought the canoe
in

Took our clothes

off

to enjoy

late afternoon

sun

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Side by side

Side by side
towels and
us

Fingers
on sun on
skin

Old bodies
feeling
young

The silence
of soaking
all of it
in

Awake

Rained all day

It rained
all day

We talked
and read
made love
and ate crackers
with big hunks
of cheese

warm in our
little
two person
tent

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Returning

At our backs
cold hands
shoving
fierce winds
and wide swells
outracing
us

Water lifting
lifting
and falling

Paddling on a
tightrope

Back the way
we had come
two days ago

Wild gusts
whitecaps
and suspense
at the
end

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Crunch

Strong hearted
hard working woman

Crunch

Jump out

We're there

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Thank you

Thank you
for bringing us home
safely

Thank you for us –
at stern
a lucky
straight-arrow man

and a wise, real loving
sure-handed woman
in bow

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Thank you

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