

Dear Muse:
Poems of an Interior Landscape

by Barbara McKinley

Book 1 Between Silence and Sound

*“Tempered by years
of limping grace
and a longing to soar,
I sail giddy
into the light of day.
Guided by stars, legends,
and by your voice,
dear muse.”*

My craft, strong and able,

tosses still far out at sea.

Not knowing where home is,

prevents my returning there.

The stars. The moon.

The soothsayer’s tune

— they guide me. I entrust my craft to these.

Book 2 Dear Muse

*"If this is an escape,
let the world we create
be a fantastical world,
a relief from shadowed life."*

I have cleared a space.

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where the whispering of your voice,

the spark penetrating light of your eyes

can cleanse.

Where your velvet touch,

your jasmined breath

can heal.

Let me soul take flight.

Book Three Emerging Wings

*“Between us
no limit exists.
A world
phantasmagoric
emanating from within.”*

Delight in the taste of chocolate
comes not from holding
the melted candy in
the mouth,
but from holding onto
delight.

Summary Notes about this collection of poetry:

This collection of poems is a testament to the importance of mentors. Simple gestures and interactions from some we know, can change our life.

Mentors are important as they create a response to our thoughts and reflections.

It is important to have people we can reach us, or who reach out to us. Who can see something in us we may not see ourselves. They can offer a light we can aim towards.

This mentoring aspect of learning is where imagination begins, sparking the blaze of human potential.

Those being educated long for the warmth of this fire.

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