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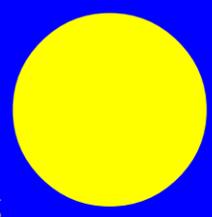
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Marlyn Amann was born October 12, 1943: At Women's Hospital in Baltimore: Maryland: USA: Marlyn Amann's favorite activity as a child was running for the sheer pleasure of running faster for the pleasure of independence: Being alone in the world of imagination: Free floating attention: Living in the moment: Paper dolls: Finger paints: Mud pies: Arranging pebbles: Feathers: Leaves into patterns: Life's breath: Exploring under the stairs: Down alleys: Wondering what was hidden behind yearning to follow paths leading to the unknown: Marlyn Amann's first job was business woman at thirteen: Denied a paper route: Boys only: She started a summer playgroup: \$6 per week per family: Only customer: The next door neighbors' family of six kids: For employees: Her younger cousins: Marlyn Amann's Mother was born in 1921: In Baltimore: Maryland: USA: Among dirt poor: Stone throwing sardine on saltine Jew haters: She would come home to six brothers and sisters lined up every Saturday to be beaten to never become free of lifelong nightmares of hunger: Rats: Beatings: Marlyn Amann's Father was born in 1913: In Saint Mary's County: Maryland: USA: His family ran a country store in darkest southern Maryland: Milk straight from Nellie the cow: Freedom to explore fields and woods: An older brother to hit him over the head: A grandfather to try to beat religion into his head: His head survived to continue to love learning: As a child Marlyn Amann lived in Baltimore: Maryland: USA: In a series of row houses in Jewish neighborhoods: Once next to a synagogue buzzing of summer music of ancient mumbling: Outside: The eternal kibitzing of grizzled old men lounging on folding chairs: At age ten Marlyn Amann moved to a neighborhood of bungalows: Big yards: Trees and quiet streets: Marlyn Amann met her first real friend whose Christian parents soon moved away from the neighborhood Marlyn Amann's family had tainted: As a child Marlyn Amann loved: This moment flowing into that moment: Ever unique: Each discrete: Grass: Touching the feel of it: The smell of it: Air entering her nostrils: Filling her lungs: Buoyancy lifting her feet from solid ground: The lightness of air: The shock of bright light and the brisk snap of the October wind on her cheek: Riding on her father's shoulders: Sitting in his lap while he read to her: Feeling warm and safe: Running like the wind: Leaping from rock to rock: The moment of balancing on one toe: Sitting half way down the cellar stairs where her shelf of books held poems and myths: Fairy tales and stories of adventures: Exotic places and different ways of life: Savoring words as food: Walking into the library awed trembling with fear and anticipation looking up at the towering shelves of books wanting to read them all: Contemplating infinity: Trying to sense the experience of it: The tentative fragments of music drifting out of a house of strangers as she passed by: Now: Marlyn Amann lives in El Cerrito: Contra Costa County: California: As an 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