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a woman with a soul

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1929 - A WOMAN WITH A SOUL

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A tribute to Virginia Woolf's Essay A Room of One's Own

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There were times
When women were defined
As other from no other
Mother Daughter Lover
No one cared to know.

They were objects
Never subjects
Locked inside these see through closets
Always absent
Shadows on the wall.

A puppet with no soul
A pretty face to show
A prisoner at home
She was woman.

Then one day a woman writer
Put her thoughts and words to paper
Pushing women to have money and
A room of their own.

No excuses silent muses
Take your chances
Break that silence
Take those shadows
Tear them from the wall.

A Room of your Own
Money on the side
This is what she wrote
In 1929

A Woman with a Soul
Needs a Room of her Own
If she is to write as a Woman.

"This poet who never wrote a word and was buried at the cross roads. She still lives in you and in me and in the many other women who are not here tonight...But she lives... for great poets do not die... They need only the opportunity to walk among us in the flesh. And this is now coming in your power to give to her" °

"Lock your libraries if you like no gate, no lock, no bolt" she cried "could set upon the freedom of my mind."°

Tell your daughters
Show your sons
No one can become undone
When riding on the Wings of Freedom.

A Room of your Own
Money on the side
This is what she wrote
in 1929
Be a Woman with a Soul
A Woman with a Soul
Woman with a soul
Be that Woman.