

FOR STRONG WOMEN



A strong woman is a woman determined
to do something others are determined not to be done.

A strong woman is a woman who loves strongly
and weeps strongly and is strongly terrified and has strong needs.

A strong woman is strong in words, in action,
in connection with feeling; she is not strong as a stone
but as a wolf suckling her young.
Strength is not in her, but she enacts it as the wind fills a sail.

What comforts her is others loving her equally
for the strength and for the weakness
from which it issues lightning from a cloud.
Lightning stirs. In rain, clouds disperse.
Only water of connection remains; flowing from us.
Strong is what we make each other
Until we are strong together.

Marge Piercy

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