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## Wind Old Woman

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*Wind Old Woman*

Hides the wind in a cave,  
in her pocket, in the  
basket, keeps it hidden  
in her pipe, in her mouth, in her mind.

Breaks it over wings,  
blows it under doors,  
sweeps it out, throws it off,  
when she's mad  
holds it in.

She hides it. She hides it.  
She keeps it in her bag.

She keeps it  
at her back, lets it live  
in the middle,  
lets it spread  
through the trees,  
takes it with her  
when she runs,  
gives it life  
when she breathes.

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shake it from your hair  
twist it into song  
sing me through the night.

—Francine Sterle