

LONGEVITY

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Longevity should prove a greater boon
To woman than to man. It will provide
The time when serving others steps aside
And she at last may dance to her own tune.
Outliving spouse and parents; with her daughters
And sons grown, smaller passions past,
She'll be finally fully free at last
Of daily musts and shoulds and you oughtas

She can consecrate to art her days
Dissolve the outer world in private vision
Give birth to all the genius blocked inside
Not care if others disapprove her ways
No longer be dispersed by long division
Of herself—she can create with pride.

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