

## Before I Was A Mom



Before I was a Mom  
I made and ate hot meals.  
I had unstained clothing.  
I had quiet conversations on the phone.

I never looked into teary eyes and cried.  
I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin.  
I never sat up late hours at night  
Watching a baby sleep.



Before I was a Mom  
I slept as late as I wanted  
And never worried about how late I got  
into bed.  
I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was a Mom  
I never held sleeping babies just because I  
didn't want to put them down.  
I never felt my heart break into a million  
pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt.



Before I was a Mom  
I cleaned my house each day.  
I never tripped over toys or forgot words  
to lullabies.

I never knew that something so small could  
affect my life so much.  
I never knew that I could love someone so  
much.  
I never knew I would love being a Mom.



Before I was a Mom  
I didn't worry whether or not my plants  
were poisonous.  
I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom  
I didn't know the feeling of having my heart  
outside my body.  
I didn't know how special it could feel to  
feed a hungry baby.  
I didn't know that bond between a mother  
and her child.  
I didn't know that something so small could  
make me feel so important.



Before I was a Mom  
I had never been puked on  
Pooped on  
Spit on  
Chewed on  
Peed on  
Or pinched by tiny fingers.

Before I was a Mom I had never gotten up in  
the middle of the night.  
Every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay.  
I never had known the warmth  
The joy  
The love  
The heartache  
The wonderment  
Or the satisfaction of being a Mom.



Before I was a Mom  
I had complete control of my mind  
My thoughts  
My body  
And my mind.  
I slept all night.



Before I was a Mom  
I never held down a screaming child  
So that doctors could do tests  
Or give shots.

I didn't know I was capable of feeling so  
much before I was a Mom.