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EVERYWOMAN
IS INVITED TO
USE THIS SPACE TO
ENJOY AND TO MEDITATE
TO DISCOVER AND REDISCOVER
OUR RITUALS, TO GIVE
AND TAKE ENERGY,
WISHES AND
GIFTS WITH
EVERYWOMAN

EVERYWOMAN IS INVITED TO BAG STORIES AND
PIECES OF HER LIFE BY LEAVING WORDS OR
OBJECTS IN A BAG

TAKE A BAG WITH YOU: COLLECT EVERYWOMAN'S
STORY

SHRINE FOR EVERYWOMAN

Copenhagen, 1980

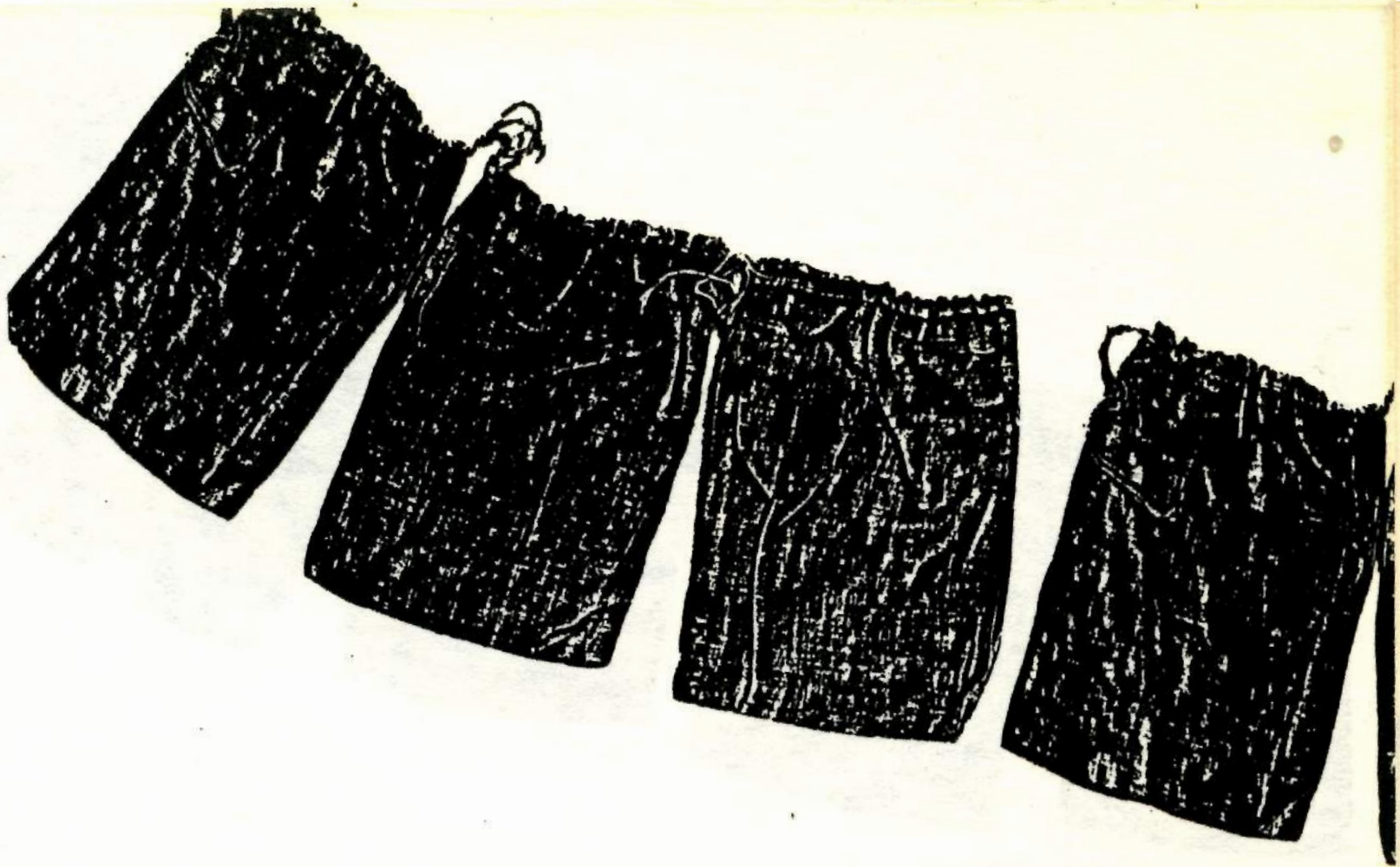
Betsy Damon

In this book are included
a few of the stories, wishes
and prayers left in the shrine
in Copenhagen, 1980

I have tried to reproduce them
with the spirit in which they
were written

I wish to thank every woman
who went to Copenhagen and
shared herself with other women.
The circle grows with every
connection that we make.

Betsy Damon



Few things
are like receiving
a letter

Even fewer
are like meeting
a sister
- unknown

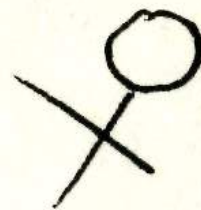
if these are blessings
for me to give
they are all yours



This is the place from
which we grow strong
and share, reaching out
to our sisters, love.

Thanks be.

Mother



I was born in '49 after the war
in Nurnberg. I am black
I have learned, I am a midwife
life continues
todays battlefields
will be tomorrows gardens
I want to see things grow
watered by fresh rains and sun-
shine
not by blood
not by soot or chemicals
not by radioactive wastes
I want to see my daughter grow
grow up together with other
daughters and sons in harmony
with nature and the
music of the spheres into
the mysteries of womankind

sat. 19 july 1980 in Kph

No one ever asked me for my story
to tell about myself
Now that I am asked I do not
know where to begin
So writing this is a beginning
I think



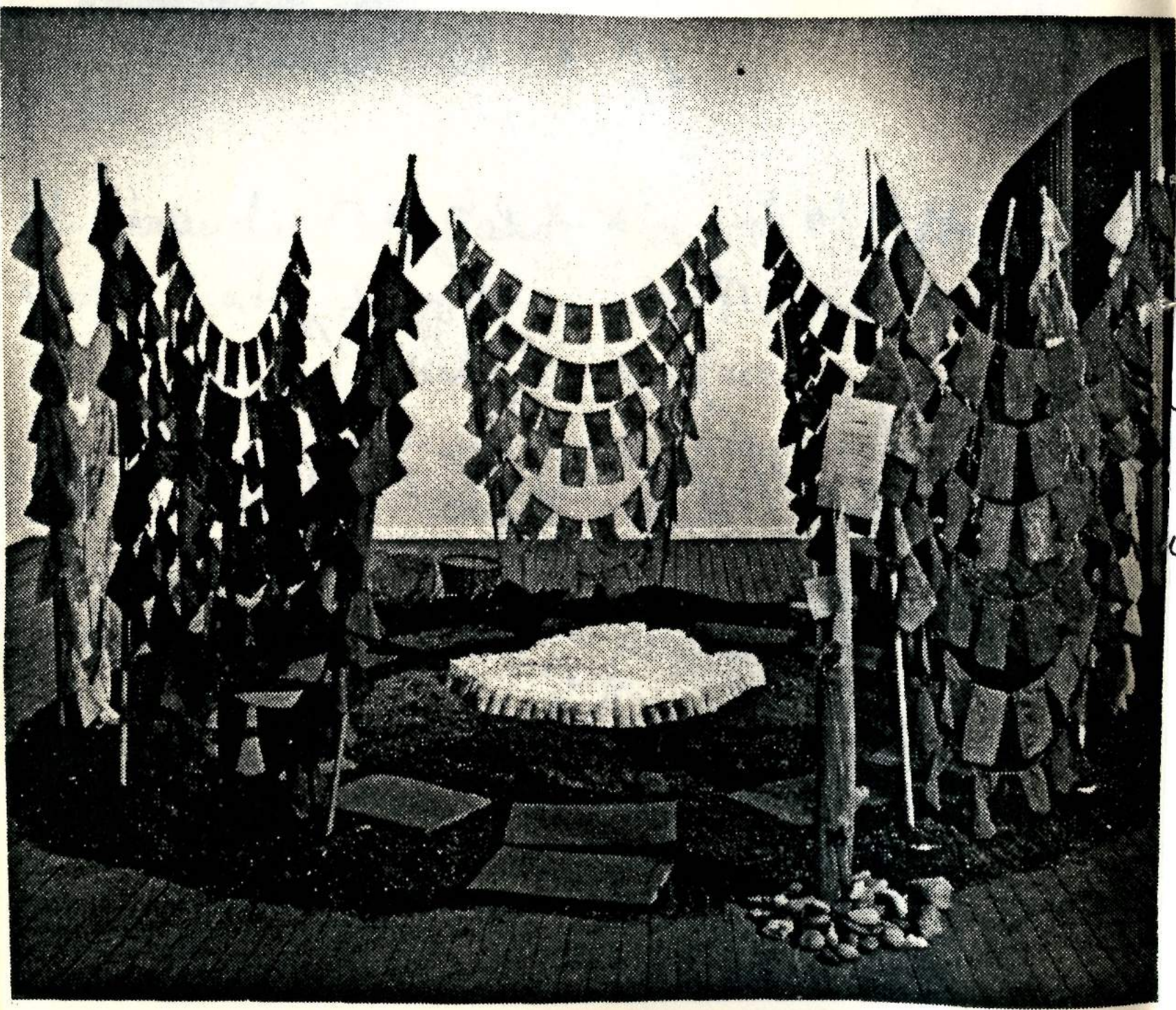
Ich brauchte so lange, es zu verstehen
und hatte Angst, in den Kreis zu gehen
und eine Botschaft zu lesen. Ich finde
es schön — bei uns in Deutschland habe
ich so einen Versuch auch einmal erlebt,
aber als ich ein Stück dieses „Kunst=
werks“ berührt habe, läutete es Alarm.
Ich wünsche mir und euch Sonne und
ein Leben, das jeder wirklich lebt.
Hoffnung ist in mir selbst.



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Sisters- Mothers- Mothering Daughters-
A family of strong women -
Matriarchial models. An 82 year old
aunt living alone self-aware and self
supporting. A 62 yr old orphan mother
who mothered many and showed the way -
Sisters who support and sustain one
other and others. Shared experience that
ripple out and reach a larger
sisterhood. I'm grateful.



July 20, 1980

I am sitting here thinking how lucky I am to be a woman and to have had the chance to discover how important being Woman is to me. My potentials and endeavors strengthen as time moves, but life is full of discoveries and I have made a year in my 23 years of life. There has been so much that has been altered in consciousness raising and has left the spirit and the needs to keep growing

Julie Rayburn



I could never write in Hebrew.

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ANAT



This is very beautiful with all the colors and it represents for me the end of the all creative conference and a beginning of something new, as I've learnt so much at the conference. I've heard about the "third world" from peoples own mouths and I've met people who I usually don't meet for example lesbians. They have all widened my mind in a very lovely way



Best wishes to the women of the world from a woman from Berkeley, California age 61 traveling for the first time to Copenhagen, to Hammerfest, to Leppsada, to Nysted.

returning home by plane July 28 with memories that include the Women's alternative Conference and this beautiful piano concert at the Glyptotek and the shrine which is like a rose blooming unexpected in a grey and cloudy day.

Kopenhaga, 20.07 1980

POLKI GLOSUJA, ZA POKJEM
ZA DUZO DOSWIADCZYL NASZ NARÓD
PODUZAS OSTATNIEJ WOJNY.
NIE CHECMY, ZEBY SYTUACJA POWTORZYLASIE
LEXYMY NA DRODZE WSCHOD-ZACHOD!!!!!!!

3 KOBIETY POLSKIE

I WISH TO
BE BACK
IN MANILA
BY MID-AUGUST OF
1980

Gerry

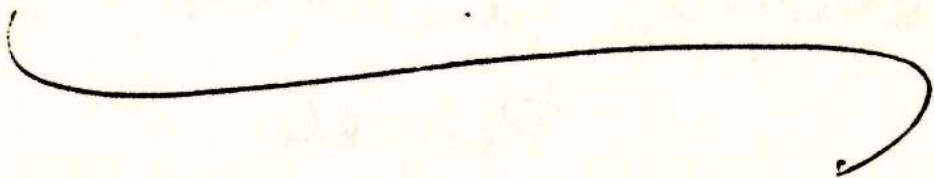


These bags are contains.
I am a woman
I have a womb
I am a container of life
The bag reminds me of the
power in every woman
to create new life, new
actions, new thoughts and
to recreate over and over
again until this
planet is safe for
all. We are the containers
and preservers of life

The day that woman
can't find the
answer is
the day the ocean
has run dry



By 2080 I hope the
Muslims & Hebrews
will be as friendly
to each other as
the Catholics &
Protestants. now are
in the U.S.



Kvindekonferencen i København 26/7

Når I ikke kan holde fred ~~for~~
~~en~~ i en minoritetsgruppe, som
vil og arbejder for fred i hele
verden, hvorledes vil I da

skaffe fred - i hele verden?

Hvordan kan I tro, at vi
skulle håbe på jer?

Bli ikke de nye "mænd", bli
mennesker, gode mennesker!

Kærlige hilsener

skuffet, men håbefuld

Pernille

A prayer to a goddess
because gods have not helped
us-

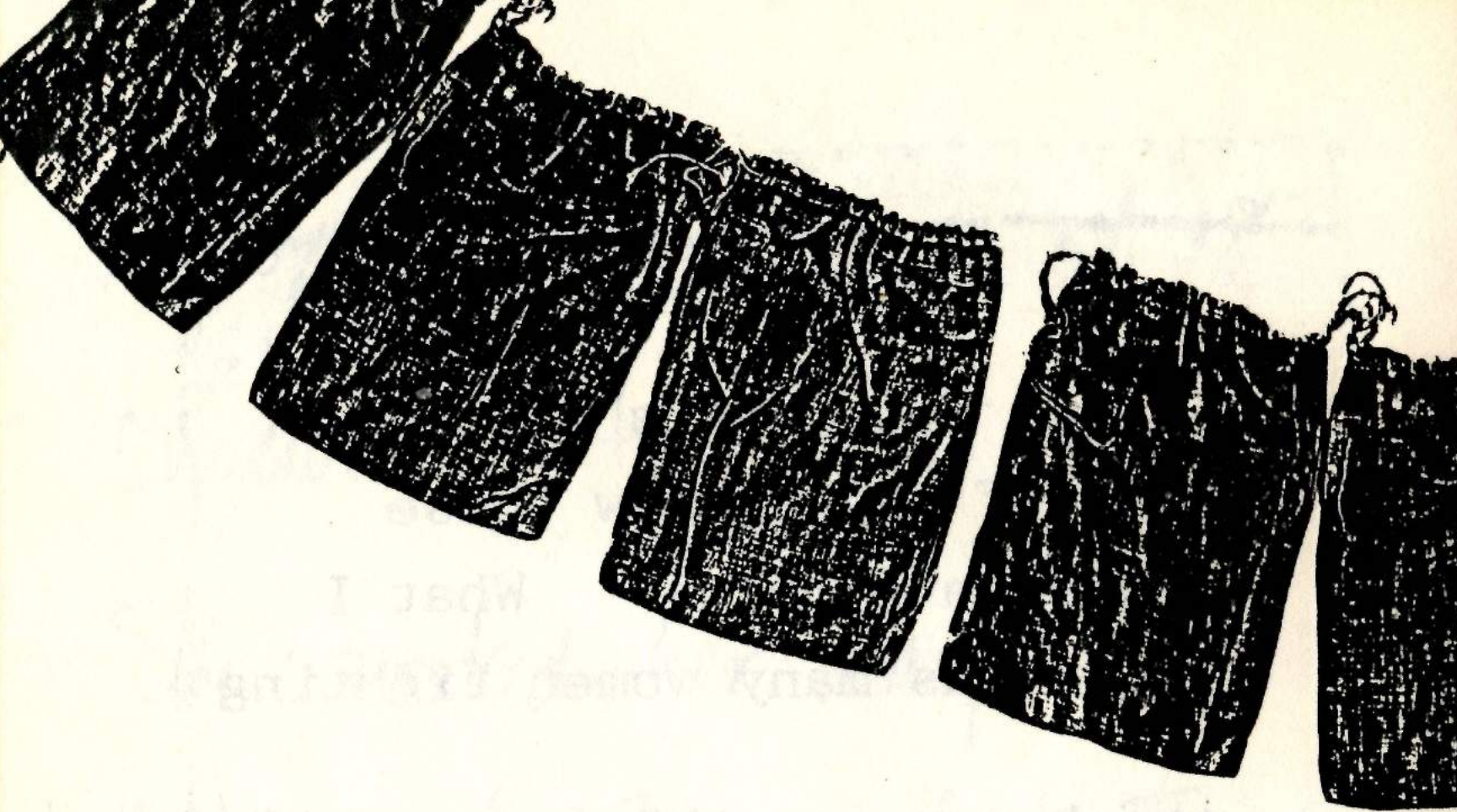
A spirit of peace
no war, no draft
peace for Israel

Kevin, douglas be safe



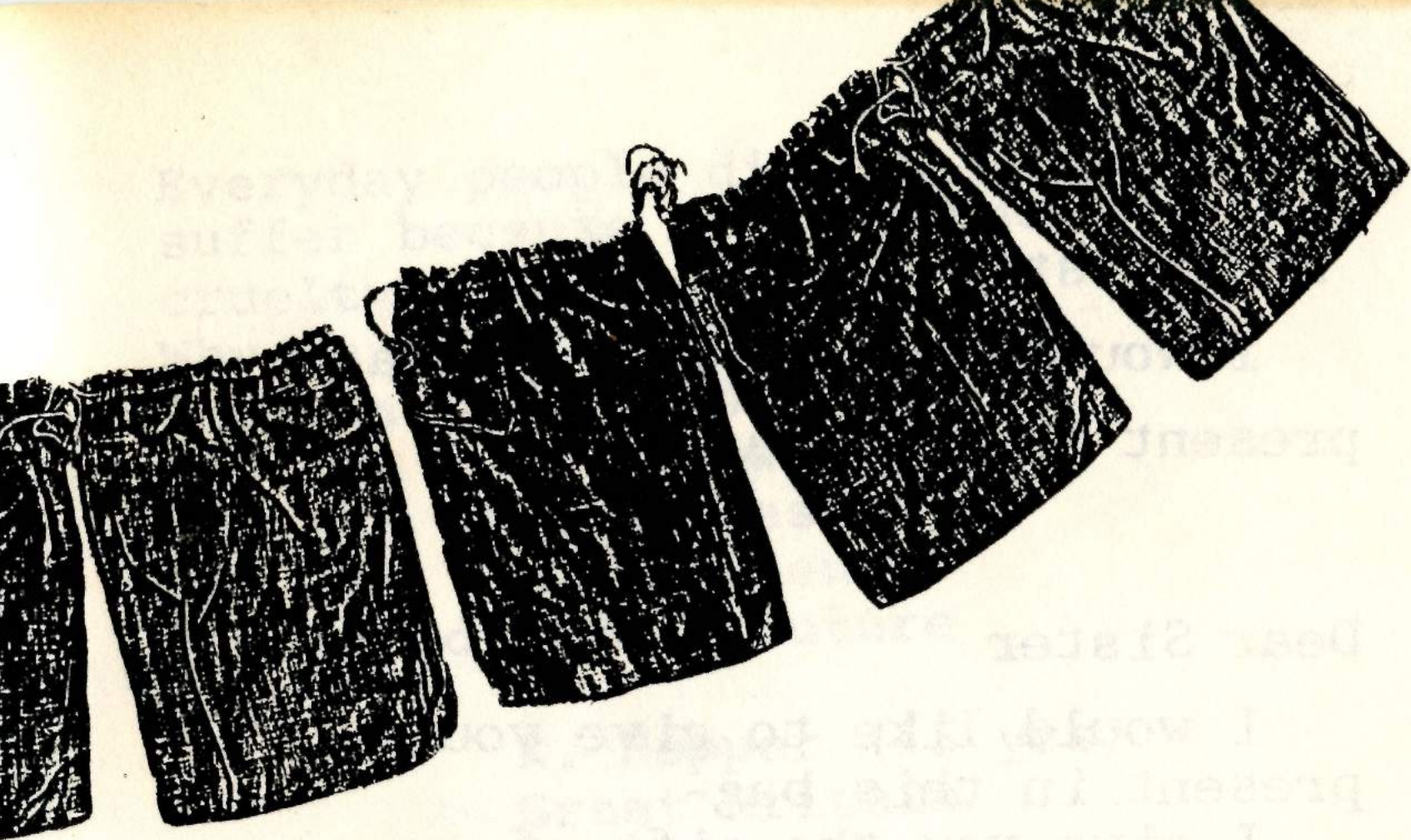
My grandmother came at 18
on her own to this country.
She worked her way until
marriage at 27 - saved, but
was never able to return to her
homeland but she told me,
her granddaughter many
stories and I am making
plans to go there...

I came 3000 miles with one
pair of shoes, now those
shoes have holes What I
found was many women fighting
thank you for this moment of
peace



The 1st time I came upon the
shrine I cried involuntarily,
from where? Its power stays with
one. I thank you and I realize
I can thank myself too...

some onions and seed for us.



Egy lovat szeretuels

Kapui a nevemapomne

Hungary

6000 Kecsheme't

Wesselenyi u.t.

Dear Sister

I would like to give you a present in this bag-

Dear Sister

I would like to give you a present in this bag-

I give you the gift of everlasting love in sisterhood, and I hope that in whatever you do, you pull through the rough spots in life and in our struggle for equality.

That has been one of the best parts of my experience here at Copenhagen at the Forum connected with the International Women's conference. So many women from all parts of the world, all together in sisterhood, and all reaching for one common goal - true equality!

AMY

Everyday people die or
suffer because of someones
cruelty.

Why cann't we unite in
love instead of hate?

Why can't we throw flowers
instead of Missiles?

And let the children of
the world have a future

K. Hopper (15 yrs)
Great Britain

I think the power
of the work is
in its persistence,
the aim individual
but the constant pursuit
a necessity.

Jennifer Mascadl

WORLD PLAN OF ACTION

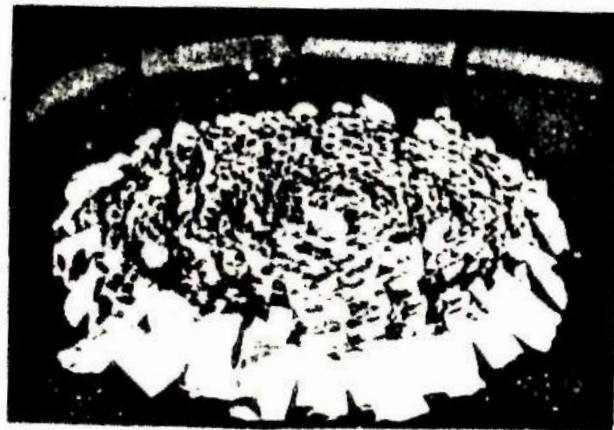
A SUMMARIZED VERSION

*Dear Betsy,
Raped by male Nationalist Agendas
Healed! by women's art!
Thank you Betsy for this holy shrine!
Alice
Heyman*



UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN
1976-1985

there was a time more
than 4000 years ago when
sex and childbirth were not
related due to ignorance, and
one sex did not dominate another,
and someday, due to understanding,
that time will come again.



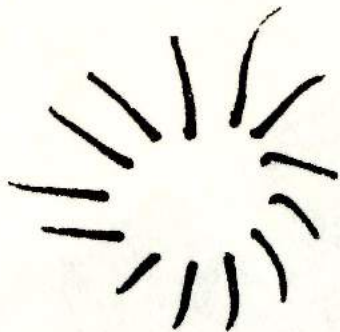
I don't know what to write or
say, but I would go with a
great filling,
after seeing all this bags
with stories

from a Danish girl

16-7-80

Veo la vida alegre y triste.
Ahora estoy enamorada y creo que
el amor es muy importante.
Creo que el amor nos hace iguales.
Quiero vivir, vivir tan intensamente
como pueda y hacer algo que
merezca la pena.
Quiero luchar contra la sociedad
consumista que nos trapa, nos em-
butice y nos obliga a reaccionar
y ser de una manera determi-
nada. Quiero SER YO, MUJER.
Quiero ser libre, y vivir con per-
sonas que son libres.

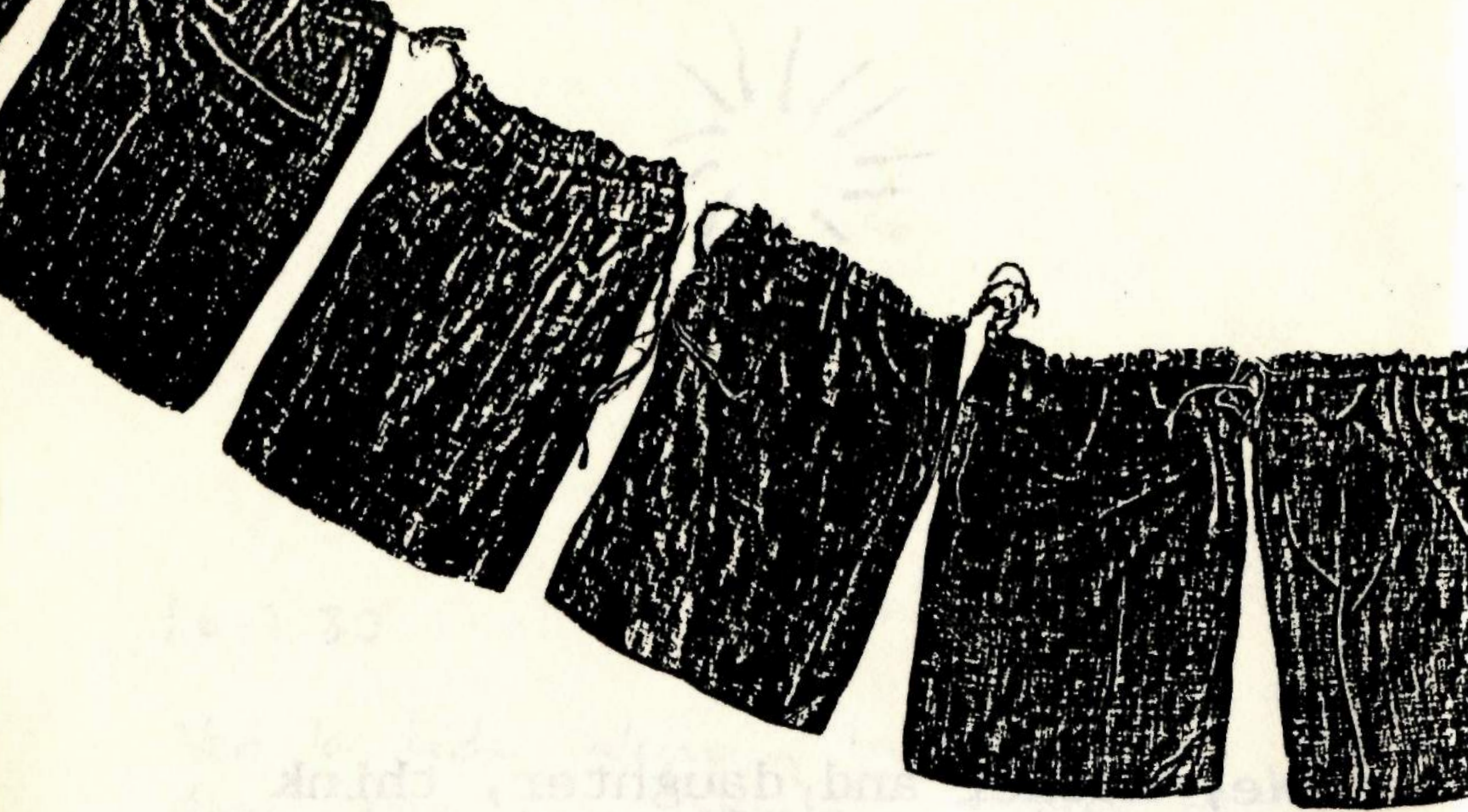
Lourdes Lorente Ruizpomer.



We, mother and daughter, think as we walk around in Ny Carlsen Glyptotek that the wanderer were the first women who dared to be free and not like the others. We think it's important to stick to history.

Especially these women whom we admire very much! We believe in peacefully evolution.

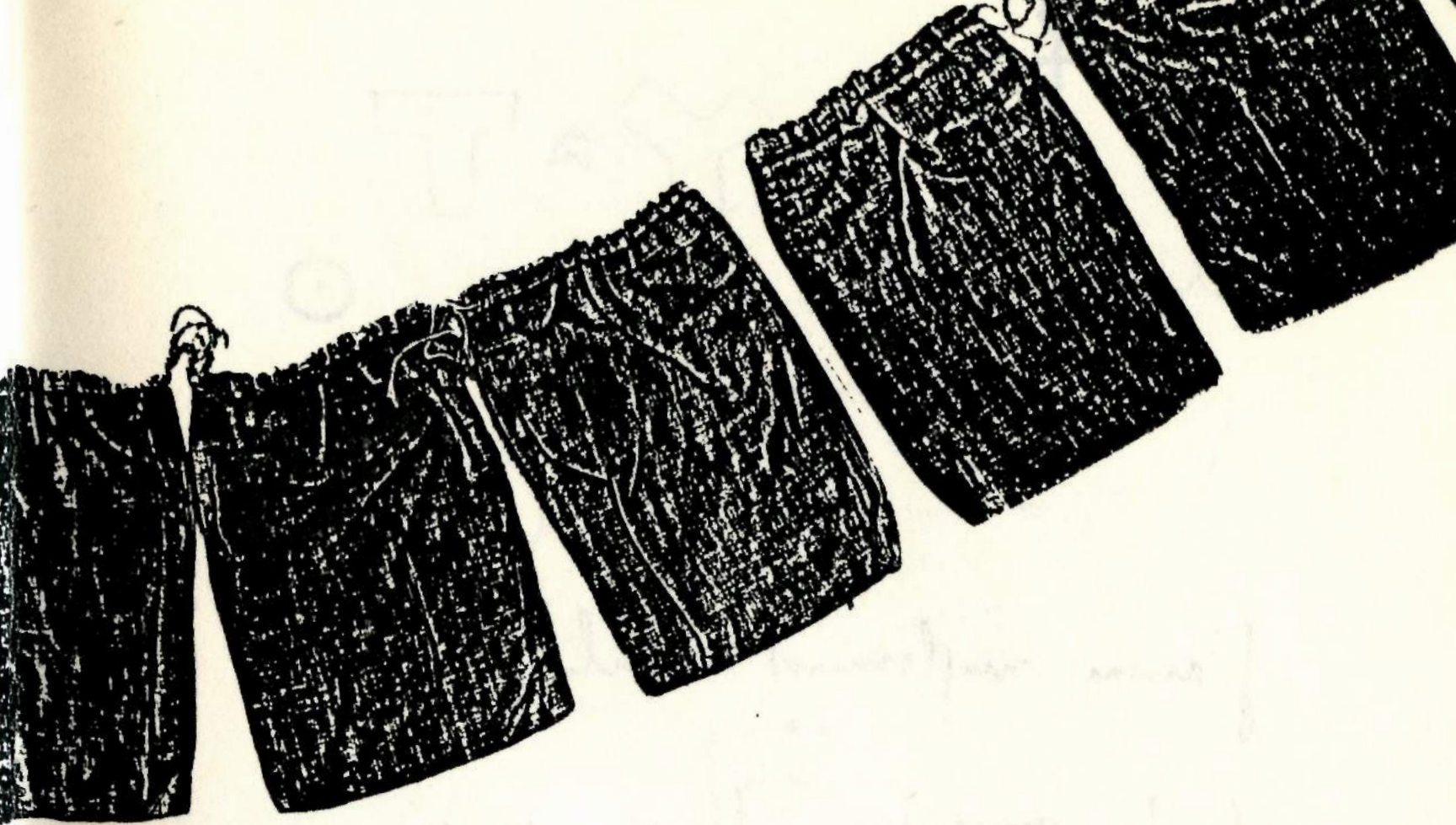
Annetei and Beute from Denmark
we love you all



Life seems very short but why people
don't try to search for peace and
be sincere to each other.

Then World will be peaceful forever!

A woman from Thailand



Por la paz, amor y libertad.

Pard que siempre Unend y siempre
salza el sol con alegria

PAZ Y AMOR

♀



J'ai ainsi simplement voulu laisser
de la musique dans ce sac....
Ni fleurs, ni larmes seulement
l'avenir où il existera une
communauté supérieure entre l'homme
et la femme & comme il peut en
exister une, aujourd'hui, entre les
femmes. Ce n'est pas une idée presque
se dit. La vie.

T☆Y・A

Kasai

テニスク

は

つかれたた

くたびれ

たすー

July. 26, 1980

~~PASAR~~ - ac tu f^{is} all gylas med
nagouting...

BAES - empty bags - should be filled!

- stomachs, wombs, voids of
every kind

- they should be filled

Echoing thoughts & questions

- will be answered

shall & will be answered

that's my prayer
& my hope

Love

Chesbesh



Je suis une jeune femme,

J'ai étudié à l'école supérieure, j'ai travaillé dans un hôpital. Si ce n'est que je n'étais pas prête à assumer de grosses responsabilités. Je me suis dit "je suis une femme" et je pense, si je ne voyage avec un sac à dos dans différents pays sans avoir peur des hommes.

Cela fait déjà 2 mois que je voyage à travers l'Europe et je dois dire que j'en ai arraché à certains moments mais je suis contente de le faire en étant femme. Et avec le sourire

Au revoir

I appreciate
a continually
admire the strength
of women in raising
and caring for their
children often facing
great odds

That we all take
back some union
in our separate
lives.

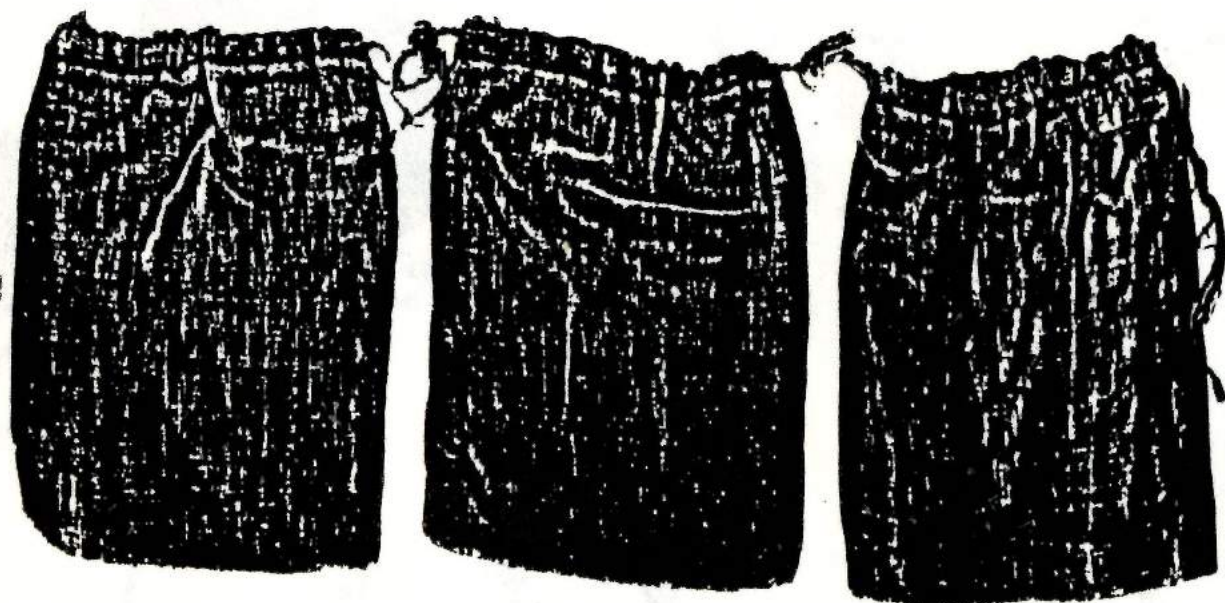


Sono un po triste...
vorrei solo mantenermi
sempre viva...
continuare a sognare...
perche sognare e bello...
...tu...stai leggendo.
sei una donna...?
...
ti auguro
felicità...
solo xone sto respirando...
ste guardando...
e...
mentre corro...
mentre piango...
tu...sei con me?

I'm glad there is such a conference
for woman. Maybe one day our condition
will be better if, all over the world
we give each other the hand for
being together as woman

From Belgium, 23rd July

CLAIRE



A questa

momento

sono qui

Senta la mucika

Grazia.

Siamo

Aslay

UNIONBAYOMMAN
0861
SPRINGGLEN
DURING FOR EYES

This is a refreshing handkerchief
from HUNGARY from Budapest, that
serves well after such a long way
journey we made to come to this
beautiful place. This handkerchief
is to be used for an other woman
who came from an other part of
the world

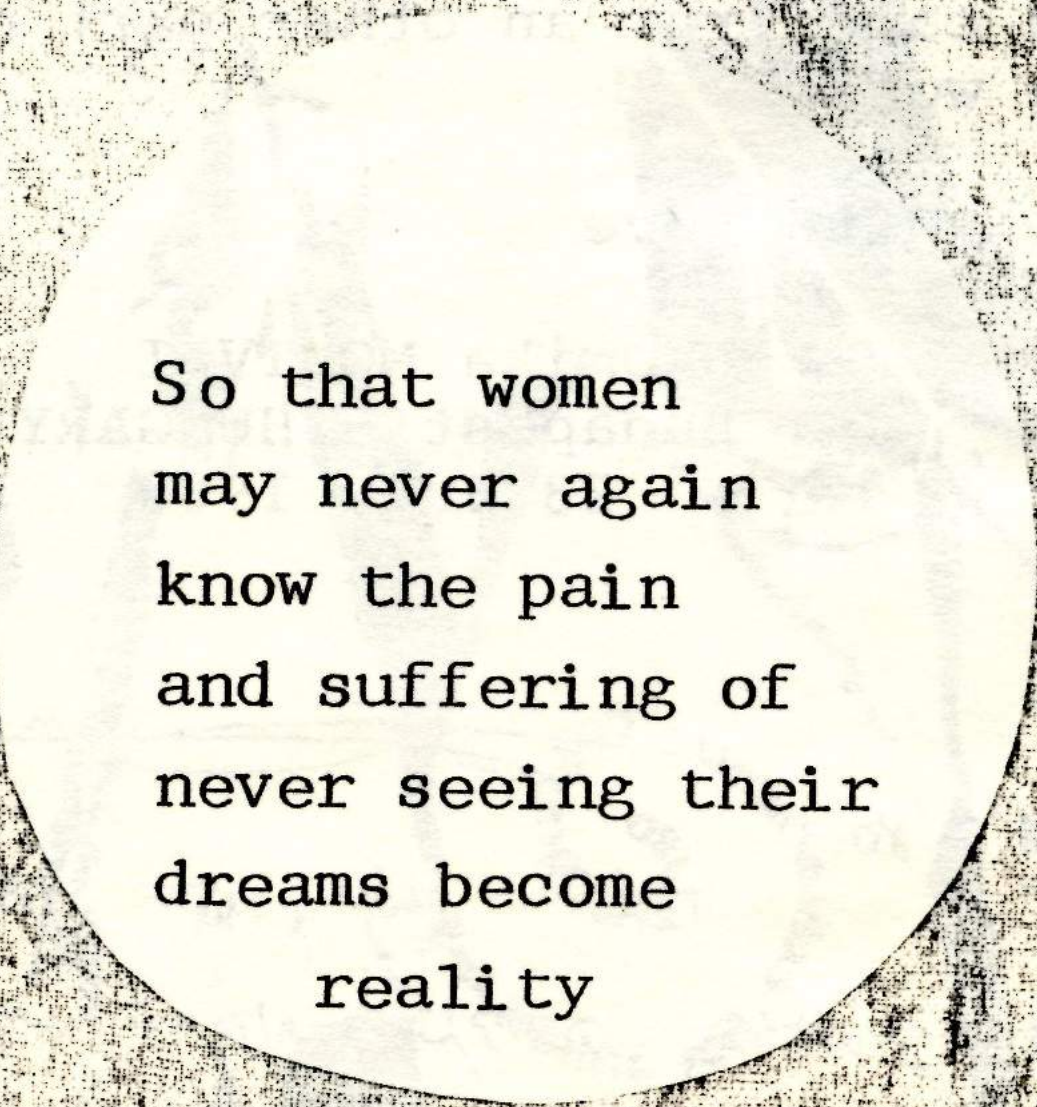
With Love

Usonika MONTVAI
Budapest - HUNGARY
23 July 1980

18'7'80

אין קרוב אמרן אולי

אכזר פאמיל
הקראפ פלמיר אפאמיל
דקום - דאליאן פלפא
ח/חן אמקיוא פלפא
אמב אפאמיל פאמיל
קולא אמב (אמב)
(אמב)

A circular white area is centered on a dark, heavily textured background that resembles marbled paper or a rough surface. The text is printed in a simple, black, sans-serif font within the white circle.

So that women
may never again
know the pain
and suffering of
never seeing their
dreams become
reality

In 1972 I was standing in a circle of women and I gave my hand to the woman next to me and said

"I am a woman I give you my hand

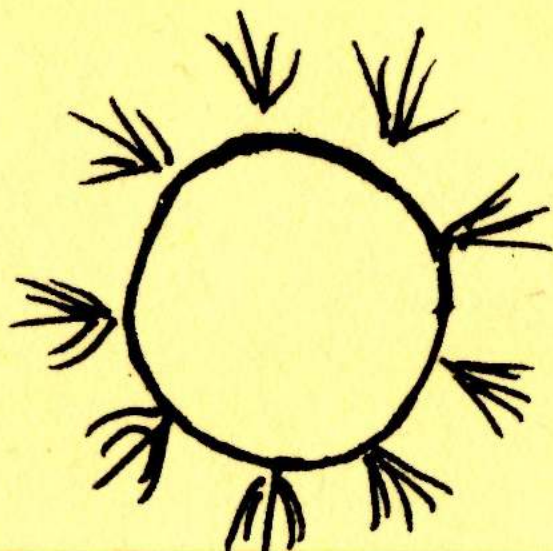
Each woman repeated those words until we were all connected and then I said

"We are women our hands form a circle"

and each woman repeated those words and next we said

"We are women the circle is powerful"

B. Damon



May the divine mother
and the lady with the
10 thousand names
show her ways to all
women

May the world become
strong and growing
in female qualities

Blessed Be