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Personality

by

Joan L. Gordon

What is personality?
It's not some simple thing
At birth full born.
It is the flowering of the native bud,
As the ego responds
To its subjective and objective world,
Thus weaving its destiny
On the loom of inborn traits.

What pattern of personality
Does the ego weave?
It's not a simple design.
For the mind, awaking to life's demand,
Weaves many threads
Into the fabric of one's being
Threads of every cognitive dimension,
Interlacing inborn potentials
With the world's reality.

But only as the self weaves
Into the cloth of its becoming;
Threads of rational thinking,
Of beauty filled emotions
Of pure kind deeds,
And binds these threads
To a faith in one's dream,
Can the ego design
A symmetrical personality.

The Portrait of a Word

by

Joan L. Gordon

I'm the voice of the ages
Seeking vocal release
As the mind cognizes the world.
From the lava of sensation I emerged,
Gradually becoming articulate,
As unrehearsed sounds
Shaped the lips of primitive men.
Thus began my dual destiny
As designer of explicit and implicit speech;
For I'm the linguistic equivalent of a concept,
The link between thought and reality,
The semantic symbol,
Which lets the mind soar
Beyond the present time and place,
To preface its vocal release
As the communicating bond between men
And the verbal heritage of all generations.