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Two poems on the Midwives Council that gave birth to Berkana Institute's global ventures in 2000 onwards

How to Become a Midwife

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A drummer starts the rhythm
And draws me into circle
Where I sing myself to silence
And know self has left the room.

In the listening that follows
I do dances of all others
And I find that I am moving
To a rhythm not my own.

We join hearts inside the circle
And discover all are dancing
To the silence of a rhythm
That we know will call us home.



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