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Sometime in the early 1980's I was working for two amazing developmental optometrists, Dr. Dan Ulseth and Dr. Kristy Remick. I was the vision therapist on staff and for 2 years, twice a week, I would drive to Modesto, Ca and stay in a hotel so that I could work with the children at the Modesto Juvenile Hall. To say the least, these young adults, ages 12 - 16 changed my life forever. The following poem was writing to them with humble gratitude for all they gave me. (This poem was published through the Optometric Extension Program - OEP.)

I chose nature as my vehicle for love as these children had nobody in their lives to love them. I wanted to teach them they could always look to something greater than themselves in nature to find love. I include it here to encourage you also to find love in nature.

If I Were to Love You

If I were to love you
I'd make the wind whirl
I'd arrange the whole universe
I'd give you the world

If I were to love you
The trees would be my arms
I'd ask the mountains and the rivers
to keep you from all harm

If I were to love you Soft clouds would always smile I'd wish on the rainbows Caring for you all the while

If I were to love you
every flower in the valley
every bird in the sky
Would share their sweet fragrance
As you walked by

If I were to love you The animals would dance in the rain The dew on the grass, each morning, Would wash away your pain (916) 483-2020 | www.seeingthelight.com | info@seeingthelight.com | 4116 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95841

If I were to love you
The sun would dry your tears
The moon would reflect love
And wipe away your fears

If I were to love you
My love would be as bliss
For shooting stars in the sky
Would forever be my kiss

If I were to love you
The ocean would swell with pleasures
And the earth would open to you
All her buried treasures

If I were to love you
The birds and the fawns
Would bring you blackberries
Before the sun dawns

As I dream for you these wishes It all becomes quite clear For loving you, is as you loving me Our own reflection in the mirror

Written by Suzan Dalle © 1980