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Praise Poem

—for the Dogs of the Wild Poetry

You of the Inner Circle!

Emerge!

Let's bask in you.

Interviewees: Bob Holman, Alison Knowles, Kristin Prevallet, Lawrence Upton, Anne Waldman.

We bask with you.

Editor: Rachel Blau DuPlessis.

We bask with you.

Family: Donald, Polly, Sarah, Nick, Lucy, Wallace.

We've basked with you in the clouds.

Like the birds of the Arctic, the redpolls,
Whose red heads gather in Devon on the teal,
I can't praise you enough ~

Robert Hampson, for long support of this project.

Clive Adams, Richard Povall, and the Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World.

Cynthia Hogue, Harriet Tarlo, Carol Watts, Peter Middleton.

Your good deeds have been performed.

Because you control the rain ~
Caroline Bergvall, Carla Harryman, Redell Olsen.
Because you control also the sun ~
Tara Betts, Ellison Glenn.

Your good deeds have been performed, you at the Study Abroad on the
Bowery, Summer 2005.

Your good deeds have been performed; David Launchbury, Michelle
Herbert, Jenny Myles, Mel Kozakiewicz, Marjorie Tesser, Shannon
Maguire, Hannah Moss, Sarah Stickland, Jason Keerpal, Rebecca Lyon,
Louise Hickman, Demi, Bear ~ in friendship.
They have been performed, my brother, Nick.

Thank you, dogs of the wild.
George Ttoouli, not for lions but wolves.
The causers of sudden surprise ~ Joan Retallack.
The performers of wonders: Allie Bochicchio, Emily Janakiram, Brigitte
Shull.
The ones who walk gently: Haldon Forest, Rocky Mountains.
The ones who swagger: New York, London.
Thank you, my lions.

Thank you for the ending and the still to come.
Thank you all those unnamed but felt.
We can't ask for more.
They have been performed, you, dogs of the wild poetry!¹

NOTE

1. The poem draws on lines from two traditional African praise poems: "The Shumba Murambwi" and "Praises of Sobhuza I".

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