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**WE DEMAND THAT THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT:**

25. Abolish the \$975 "head tax" for all immigrants as
well as a \$500 processing fee for obtaining permanent
residence .

26. Increase funding for immigrant and refugee
settlement programs (in particular for language training
programs and free quality child-care services) and en-
sure effective monitoring of provincial implementation
of these programs.

27. Recognize and support the specific needs of
Francophone immigrant women living outside of
Québec.

28. Include gender-based persecution as a ground for
claiming refugee status in the Immigration Act.

29. Reform of the Immigration Act on the basis of a
critical gender, race and class analysis and a human
rights framework that takes into account Canada's con-
stitutional and international human rights obligations.

30. Ratify the International Convention on the Pro-
tection of all Migrant Workers and Members of their
Families.

31. Treat domestic and caregiver workers who come
to Canada as landed immi-grants, not as temporary
workers.

32. Support the human rights of Aboriginal women
in our overriding concerns for the well-being of our
children, families, communities and nations, concerns
that encompass housing, health, education, justice,
lands and resources, governance and environment.

33. Make funds available to national and regional
Aboriginal women's groups to ensure full participation
in consultations, self-government talks and initiatives,
and all other significant decisions.

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Emily

How do you feel
about tourists traipsing
through your house
each hour of the afternoon,
standing, silent, around your bed
as though you linger here,

might impart one more
metaphor or rhyme,
a line or two on the after death,
name someone you love, or
tell if your view of God has changed.

Poems you left in a box,
now laminated in plastic,
pass from hand to hand.

Alive today, you would like
the freedom of verse,
but not the critics,
rejection slips,
writers conferences,
casual sexual encounters.

Would you take a lover,
swallow Prozac,
watch television,
give readings,
enter therapy?

Or would you stay within yourself,
in the house of your birth,
ignore the phone,
retreat to your room,
hide poems under the bed,
wait for life to close
three times and then again.

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