

riers arising from increased workloads, reduced time for individual patient care, lack of managerial and peer support and uncertainty about their role. While some of these may be resolved at the level of individual institutions, others require the concerted and directed attention of policy makers at the provincial and national level. The lack of hospital accreditation guidelines or standards addressing woman abuse has allowed individual institutions to decide whether or not they consider this a critical health care issue. Policy development and accountability to existing policies or protocols would be enhanced with the establishment of national hospital accreditation guidelines for responding to woman abuse.

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## FARIDEH DE BOSSET

### A child and a working mother

While you are eating,  
peeing  
smiling  
and playing  
I know you are waiting  
for one person, your mother.

The hours of the day  
pass slowly, very slowly.  
The sun sets.  
You eat your supper,  
try to play more  
and she finally arrives.

You are both exhausted.  
You hardly can smile  
at each other now.  
"No lovers quarrels",  
Just resignation  
of a child and a working  
mother.

*Farideh de Bosset is a poet who sees  
the storm in each soul and the seed of  
beauty in each cell and wants to  
share it with the world.*