

Gloria La rebelde

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la asertiva
la bruja-curandera
la gloria prieta
de la palabra
de serpiente
de pluma flor y canto
de verdad
indecible, irretractable
fuerte, cariñosa
you remain in many
hearts in many words
in many living spirits

your work was hard
yet always a sharing
may your rest be pura paz

may you remain among us
in each word that says
the unsayable, that
creatively heals
so many wounds.



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