**The First Free Women: Poems of the Early Buddhist Nuns**

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Another Sama  
  
After twenty-five years on the Path,  
I'd experienced almost everything--  
except peace.  
  
When I was young,  
my mother told me  
that I would find true happiness  
only in marriage.  
  
Remembering her words all those years  
later,  
something in me began to tremble.  
  
I gave myself to the trembling--  
and it showed me  
all the pain  
this little heart  
had ever known.  
  
And how countless lives of searching  
had brought me  
at last  
to the present moment,  
which I happily married.  
  
Can you imagine?  
  
We've been living together  
ever since,  
without  
a single  
argument.”

― **Matty Weingast,**