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Daruma dolls' eyes painted

Wide opened like new crocuses on the lawn of life

Move forward,

looking at my back to learn self

Shadows planted deep dark inside my soul

Burn the torch illuminating the secret doors

Of mindful awakening.

About the Author



Anchalee Panigabutra-Roberts (Joy) was born and raised in Thailand. She came to study and work in the U.S. since 1984. She is currently a librarian at a university in the Midwest. She is very passionate about Asian/Asian American and gender issues. Her research foci are on human trafficking in the U.S. and worldwide. Thai dance is in her blood, and poetry has quietly crept into her life.



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