


The Moon Calls as I Pray

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Passion is persistently pressing
to close off the day.
The moon calls as I pray.
There is no respect for my diligence.
My beloved comes in many forms.
Tonight she is a seductress
demanding surrender.
I require no provocation.
She is swelled to fullness,
prepared even before
I enter her presence.
Her touch awakens the scent of readiness.
It is the aroma
of a night blooming garden.
The air fills with delicious desire.
I sway to breath's rhythm.
Then we dance
to the beat of my heart.
Waves of warmth wash me
as she pulls close and whispers.
The burning boils my blood
and scalds my soul.
She directs me
to mount dreams
and ride the pulsing of her light.
The seduction surrounds and sequesters
my senses.
I cuddle closer,
exploring the secrets
hidden in her form
until she explodes in liquid brilliance.

Then I rest in love.

Chrystine Julian



Chrystine Julian currently lives in Redlands, CA but was raised very close to the geographic center of the United States, on the east side of the Mississippi river near St. Louis. The powerful, often muddy flow of the river has been the metaphor of her life. She has been an executive (as Corporate Director of Communications for Prologix USA), a business writer for the Inland Empire BizPress, a standup comic, minister, mystic, medium, musician, recording artist, workshop leader, drum circle facilitator and poet. She has shared her various skills from North Carolina to SOCAL and many locations in between. Chrystine considers poetry to be a performance art form. She often mixes verse with the rhythm of percussion from her extensive collection of world music instruments. Her poetry varies from intensely powerful social commentary, to insightfully mystic, excitedly sensual and then on to the outright silly. Her poetry has been published in two Poetry Now anthologies, The Messenger, San Gabriel Valley Quarterly, The Wellness Times, and Phantom Seed. In addition, she has had two poetry collections published: *Sensual Spirit* – poetry and thoughts from the place where body and soul meet (Pawpress 2007) and *Meandering Mindfulness* – poetry from the place where wonder and Wander merge (Pawpress 2009). Chrystine is co-host of Our Poetic Souls, a poetry reading in San Dimas, CA. She is also currently leading workshops about harnessing the power of fears based on her poem, The Dragon and leading drum circles at various locations around the southland.