

DOWN TO THE SOUTH POLE

SHE HAD A MOTHER, A FATHER, TWO BROTHERS
AND THREE LOVELY CHILDREN AND A HOUSE
SHE CALLED HOME
BUT SHE HAD A HUSBAND
WHO TREATED HER UNKINDLY
HE BERATED, SEPARATED HER
FROM THE LOVE SHE'D KNOWN

CHORUS:

SO SHE WENT DOWN, DOWN, DOWN
TO THE SOUTH POLE
DOWN, DOWN, DOWN,
SHE DID GO
SHE WENT DOWN, DOWN
LOOKING FOR REDEMPTION (REVELATION, ADVENTURE,
FRIENDSHIP, MIRACLE,
ACCEPTANCE.....)

SHE WAS A DOCTOR
A NATURAL BORN HEALER
SHE WORE COMPASSION
GIVEN FREELY
NEVER LOANED
MENDING BROKEN BODIES
TENDING THE SICK ONES
SHE COULD SAVE LIVES OF MANY
BUT SHE COULDN'T SAVE HER OWN

HER FIRST DESTINATION WAS
MC MURDO STATION
GATHERING SURVIVAL INFO AND GEAR
STUFFING HER NEW LIFE
INSIDE ORANGE DUFFLES
SHE COULD INSULATE HER BODAY
BUT NOT ALL HER FEARS

FOLKS IN THE DOME
BUILD A WORLD OF THEIR OWN
POLLIES FORM FRIENDSHIPS
QUICK AND THICK AS THE ICE
SHE'D WORK HEAL AND PLAY
MAKE THE MOST OF EACH DAY
AND THE COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH
WARMED HER HEART LIKE
HOT COAL

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WHEN THERE'S NO MORE SUN
WINTER TIME HAS BEGUN
AND LIKE EXPLORERS BEFORE HER
SHE'D BE PUT TO THE TEST
BUT CHALLENGE WAS HER PLEASURE
AND SHE GAVE HER FULL MEASURE
NEVER DREAMING THAT SHE'D
FIND A LUMP IN HER BREAST

IN THIS CLOSE KNIT CITY
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR SELF PITY
SO HER FRIENDS PLIED HER
COCKTAILS OF CHEMO AND CHEER
HER DAYS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER
TO FEND OFF THE HERE AFTER
HOW COULD SHE FEEL SO ALIVE
AND BE DYING INSIDE

(semi spoken)

SO THE NATL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
CONTACTED THE AERONAUTICAL NATL GUARD
IN SCHENECTADY NEW YORK
AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER
FLYING A RESCUE MISSION TO SAVE THEIR BELOVED
ICE DOC
WITHOUT MUCH HESITATION
BUT WITH LOTS OF PREPARATION
THEY FLEW INTO 60 DEGREES BELOW HELL
STOPPING ONLY LONG ENOUGH
BEFORE THEIR FUEL WOULD TURN TO GEL

(SUNG)

AND THEY WENT UP OUT
OUT OF THE SOUTH POLE
HIGH ON UP SOUTHERN CROSS IN THE SKY
AND A BLUE HAZE SHOWN ON THE HORIZON
SHE WENT OUT OF THE DARKNESS
AND INTO THE LIGHT.....