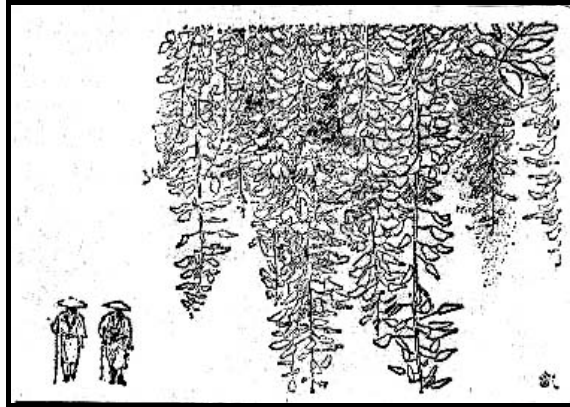


“The sentence has changed. Once I could not remember. Now I cannot forget.”

Elly Danica in *Don't: A Woman's Word*

taken from *Stolen Life: The Journey of A Cree Woman* by Rudy Wiebe and Yvonne Johnson
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PREAMBLE



“Max Picard,..., tells us that when two human beings converse together, there is always a third who listens, and this third is Silence.”

Gabriel Marcel
quoted in Introduction to
The World of Silence by Max Picard

“Good as discourse is, silence is better, and shames it.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1909

“There is nothing so much like God in all the Universe as shared silence.”

Oriah Mountain Dreamer
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“If there is anything worth calling theology, it is listening to people’s stories, listening to them and cherishing them.”
Mary Pellauer in *The Riverside River* p. 234 in an essay by Kathleen Norris called *The Holy Use of Gossip*

“It is sometimes easier to say thoughts than to write them because saying something is living it, feeling it, connecting with it again. No writing can capture that fully. In a way, speaking is alive, writing makes it become dead.”

Yvonne Johnson in *Stolen Life: The Journey of A Cree Woman* by Rudy Wiebe & Yvonne Johnson

A preamble suggests a walk together and a listening together – moving along the way together. It is human beings conversing and discussing together matters of mutual importance and shared concern. **We invite you, readers, to join us in the walk through a somewhat familiar, but newly arranged, English language landscape.**