

## ● **WEAVING AND QUILTING**

from Washington Notebook  
Inspired by the quilters and basket-makers who wove our stories  
together in the early days of settlement.  
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My grandmother's hands wove the cedar and bear grass  
Into this fine basket I hold in my hands  
To hold bitter roots, camas, fern, tiger lily  
Blackberries, cranberries - gifts from the land

My great-grandma Towsalee passed on her knowledge  
To her daughter Sally - she was only six then  
Our tribes own designs such as Salmon Gill, Trail of Eel,  
Flowers for women and deer for the men

My grandmother's hands worked with bright colored fabrics  
Taken from dresses I wore long ago  
With strong cotton thread and the finest of needles  
Weaving my memories in patterns she'd sew

My great grandma Eleanor passed on her knowledge  
To her daughter Susan when she was just nine  
Lone Star, Log Cabin, the sweet Rose of Sharon  
Basket, Medallion - her favorite designs