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Biographical note:

Anne Caldwell is a poet, lecturer in creative writing at the University of Bolton in the UK, and Deputy Director of the National Association for Writers in Education (NAWE). Her latest poetry collection is *Talking with the Dead* (Cinnamon, 2011).

And this dim-lit life is a glass vase in the making.
Needs blowing and warming. She loads her rod with
molten liquid from the furnace, rolling the orange glow
at over 900 degrees in wet newspaper, until life begins
to cool a little and harden. She doesn't wear gloves,
dips it in powdered cobalt. She blows, then places her
thumb over the rod until the glass begins to swell into
a bauble, catching that air-bubble at its centre. Keep
turning. Keep blowing. Find life's heat. Don't stop
moving.

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