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## INDIAN MOTHER POEM

no you cant use me  
I am not a con  
sumable item  
packaged and neatly  
shelved  
into appropriate cate  
gory for managers  
and stockers to chart  
computerized information  
stamped to my side—  
I am unsized regularly  
subject to change  
without notice

but you can share  
me with me as though  
I were a two-necked wedding jar  
they make, over in Santa Clara—  
some for each of us  
enough

—Paula Gunn Allen