

**Declaration**

I am not a card-carrying placard-wielding  
flag-or-bra-burning  
bubble zone feminist  
I am not radical  
unless you count the time  
I told my daughter's teacher  
she was structuring Grade Six Readers' Theatre  
in a very patriarchal way

I let my daughters play with Barbies  
(they know the score  
look at me every day)  
make home-made soup  
once offered to do the dishes myself  
when my husband had the flu

I do not hate men  
even married one  
am very polite when I point out  
the committee conference speakers  
authors editors columnists politicians  
administrators faculty  
are mostly men

I am white not Anglo-Saxon  
heterosexual married with 3 children  
1 dog 2 cars 6 motorcycles  
a writing-teaching-feminist-mother-scholar  
who sees the differences between men and women  
in who expects who to make the children's lunches  
taking for granted they will get fed  
in who remembers whose peanut butter sandwich  
is spread with jam not honey and  
the color of their cups