

To be a Woman
By Judith Shakespeare

"To be or not to be, that is the question."
Are we to stay oppressed?

What is a housewife?
She takes care of the house, the children, and
Her husband's needs.

What is a woman?
She is gentle, nurturing, meek.

She is to stay within the confines of societal expectations.
Get married, bear sons, for this is all she can offer society.

But what if she's miserable inside her heart performing these tasks?
A man is free to leave home and venture to find his heart's desire.
The woman, his stable companion, aiding him in his work.

To be or not to be a woman
is the question?

To be in the shadows of men.
Feining to be gentle.
Forever in the dark.