

on Sunday

My head is bowed to her, and I am mute and know this is the only ~~posture~~ ~~that~~ ~~conveying~~ gesture of truth I am capable of in her presence. ~~And yet~~ But ~~yet~~ as I remain in the midst of the living, I must try to ~~say~~ speak, we must try to ~~communicate~~ help each other along. By her life and death Judy Dixon has left to each one of us the greatest gift.

Standing beyond our sorrow and grief at losing her, ~~and her manner of~~ ~~passing from~~ ~~losing us,~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~of~~ ~~her~~ ~~in~~ ~~her~~ ~~light~~ ~~ness~~ ~~but~~ ~~her~~ ~~bearing~~ a gleaming sword. Her determination was to cut through the bonds of self that bind us ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~points~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~existence~~ ~~of~~ ~~her~~ ~~determination~~ ~~and~~ ~~effort~~ as something most of us have ~~only~~ ~~got~~ ~~a~~ ~~small~~ ~~hint~~ ~~of~~ we have all been amazed and even dumb struck to be witness to the magnitude and strength of her ~~effort~~ <sup>determination</sup>. For most of us ~~it~~ <sup>this</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>kind</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~far~~ <sup>effort</sup> beyond our ~~our~~ imagination, and yet somehow we know she has ~~climbed~~ <sup>climbed</sup> through to the very core of ~~the~~ knowledge that came from the Shakyamuni Buddha. She has done this for all of us,

~~no longer, at~~ ~~she~~ ~~is~~ <sup>Now</sup> She needs us no longer, and yet she will remain for ~~all~~ ~~of~~ ~~us~~ ~~who~~ ~~has~~ ~~the~~ courage and determination to follow her way. My prayer for her is "May we be worthy of ~~hearing~~ ~~knowing~~ ~~her~~."

My prayer is May the Buddha ~~and we~~ <sup>help</sup> ~~encourage~~  
any of us whose destiny it is to receive the teaching that  
Judy Dixon has left to us.

And may we help ~~to~~ those of us who have borne witness  
to the story of her life and death to ~~keep remembering it~~  
~~in purity in our hearts~~ keep it in our hearts in ~~our~~  
its essential purity for ~~anyone who~~ those yet to  
come.

Thank you.