My Tapestry

Looking at the couch table
the empty glass stares at me
from inside the bamboo frame

so my mind
weaves a tapestry
i draw it on paper all weekend
and go out to buy wool and silk
and make it

now it covers the glass
a layer of beauty
and useful too-
a soft place
to put our tea cups
and plates
without clanging and screeching

around me
i want my useful things
to be beauty
and my beautiful things to be useful
it is not an either/or
as men are trying to impose.
wimmin can be circular
and whole

and i think of wimmin one hundred years ago
who were forced either to be beautiful
and useless decoration
or useful
and constantly told
they were hard and ugly

now i have power
to make my own life
like my surroundings
i want to be beautiful and useful
creative with a purpose
active with beauty
combining resting and active harmony
into a whole

making the living of each day
a work of art

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