Why Should I Feel Half a Woman?

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Why should I feel half a woman?
When I care just as much as a mother,
when I yearn just the same as another
if I look at a new born child.

Why should I feel half a woman?
When I don't push a push-chair along,
when sleepless nights visit, helping prolong
the silence that keeps me awake.

Why should I feel half a woman?
With no child to instruct in the Torah,
when a child crying 'mama' is torture -
and breaking my heart into two.

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