

*dimension in the women's movement. In our attempts to fuse the personal with the political, friendship is very much at the heart of our politics. Other social movements which have used...songs would probably not have included:*

*When you're down and troubled, and you need some loving care  
And nothing, nothing is going right  
Close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there  
To brighten up even your darkest night*

*as an important political statement. It is one of the strengths of the women's movement that we do.*

### Postscript

The EF & NPQ now includes Pat Davitt, Barbara Hicks, Valerie Macdonald, Marisa Orth-Pallavicini and Ulryke Weissgerber. If you want words to songs, write us at 1492 William Street, Vancouver, V5L 2P9 and we'll send you song books or song sheets (a donation for printing and mailing costs would be appreciated). We now have two tapes completed: the first is out of print but the second is still available for \$8.00 from the above address. Alternatively, you can phone (604) 253-1885 and we'll be glad to sing you any song you like (as long as we know the tune!).



Maggie with Wendy Hurst

Photo: Pat Davitt

## HELEN POTREBENKO

### Daydreams Are Better than Nightmares (Revisited)

With my next pay cheque I will buy  
a pink summer dress with big orange flowers  
to wear without any pantyhose  
baring to the world my unshaved legs; exposing bare  
unshaved legs.

With my next pay cheque I will buy  
records of Ronstadt and Parton and Near;  
books by Lessing and Laurence and Anon  
and bring them all home in a taxi; and bring them all  
home in a taxi.

With my next pay cheque I will donate  
lots of money to the strikers so the babies will grow  
heaped with love and luxury  
so they can do what we've left undone; so they can do  
what we couldn't.

With my next pay cheque I will buy  
a house with a kitchen with stained glass windows  
and room for a study for each of us;  
a garage for the car on the side of the house and a garden  
for me at the back.

Then, of course, we'll need to buy  
a truck with the pay cheque after that  
to move with and to bring home the stuff  
I will buy with my next pay cheque; buy with my next  
pay cheque.

We'll need a motor home to travel  
to Palm Springs and Long Beach and Sooke  
and if there's time and money left over  
I will work in my garden; I will work in my garden

That is, when I'm not at the union.

*This is from a poem called "Daydreams are Better than Nightmares", which was set to music and adapted as a song by Margaret Benston in 1987.*