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¹The FPT set out 5 principles: (1) training as part of a comprehensive and inclusive economic strategy; (2) development of a training culture valuing diversity; (3) adequate personal and financial supports; (4) accessibility; and (5) delivery and outcomes which are high quality, gender-sensitive, and inclusive (see Wismer and Lior).

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Role Model

Bubbie, bride-like lace shawl
 blessing candles, Sabbath-flamed.

Zaideh telling tales
 about Baal Shem Tov
 I curl his beard.

A thatched-roof hut
 on earthen floor
 I sleep in the loft
 on a hay mattress.
 Koo-koo-rrah-koo ...
 the red-crowned rooster's call
 awakening the day
 a baby bird softly chirps.

I gaze from my window
 magenta ribbons
 the dawning sky
 my heart pounds.

In the deep forest
 crowded with spruce,
 oak and ash trees
 earth heaves in symphony
 of whispering sounds
 I discover speckled eggs in nest
 pick blueberries and mushrooms
 my baskets fill.

Through the fields
 of sun-bathed buttercups
 meadows thick
 with purple heather
 sweet fragrance fills my senses
 envelopes me.
 I trail behind Bubbie Sarah
 along with edge of marsh grass
 she plucks tall, tall reads
 braids my first doll.

Rose Romberg was born in Poland and arrived in Toronto in 1925. Several of her poems have appeared in the White Wall Review, and her essay, "Especially for Seniors," was published in Ontario Senior Citizens' Affairs.