



*In answer to the many whom  
over the years have questioned  
why I wear Black.*

## Lady in Black

I wear black as a shield, so I won't leak,  
the secrets and the confidences, I've been entrusted keep.

I wear black; it is the armour that keeps me strong.  
I wear black to remind me, that sometimes I'm wrong.

I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down,  
living in hopelessness, on the hungry side of town.

I wear black for the victims of our times,  
whom blinded by pain become victims of crime.

I wear black for those who never read,  
or listened to the words that God said.

I wear black for those without a friend,  
and for those who know no mercy  
or justice to their end.

I wear black for the sick and lonely,  
I wear black for those who are lost and alone.  
I wear black for those with no home.

I wear black in mourning, for the wasted lives that could have been,  
all the things they should have done and seen.

I wear black for the millions who have died;  
because men with power were greedy and lied.