

**preserved**

my warmth  
preserved softly  
held close

surrounded  
and cherished  
by a simple  
woolen vest

cabled braided  
knit and sewn  
by you  
given  
happily  
long ago

then

and  
now  
observed  
worshipped  
in a quiet  
ceremony

breathed in  
breathed out  
by you  
by me  
in moments  
of sentience

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