

~~beside~~ Beside my parents, you are the most influential and inspiring woman I've ever  
been lucky to love, this is for you Sarai, Ala A Okan

It took time, it took years

I came apart, yet I needed to

to see it all, to see the truth

I found myself, and rediscovered you

I can see it now when I look down to my hands

Yours in mine, no matter where I go or what I do

Your fingers overlap my own, painted with your soul

more than just mixed ink swirled inside a needle and a bowl

the same scars, the same marks, joining us, tethered, us - we'll never part

My hand in yours, yours in mine, just as it was from beginning to end

For you are in my heart, my love, you are my best of friends

You gave me your all, even when I didn't give much

You showed me parts of myself, and planted a seed

You taught me self-worth and gave your all in my need

You'll never be forgotten for you are a part of me

As long as I am breathing, a part of you is free

And when you finally see my garden, I will show you what is there

there will be a rose that will hold your name with utmost care

One that is full bloom and open and beautiful as you

For you had it wrong my dear, you had it wrong from the start

It was you Sarai that was my rose, and it forever grows in my  
heart

I love you Sarai and I know you can't read this, but always know, I love

you so very much and miss you even more. You've helped so much and gave so much  
to me. You are an important part of my life and beside my parents, the best thing to  
ever happen to me. Mo nifee!