



## Barbara Trotter

### *Poetic Soulful Words and Contemplations by a Black Poet*

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First edition. Octavo. 56pp. Stapled printed yellow wrappers. One staple a little rusted, near fine. Poetry by an African-American woman, including much romantic or sex poetry. Laid into the book is a Typed Letter Unsigned (but with handwritten postscript) to Belva Davis, sending the book, discussing her own writing, and mentioning that she is writing songs for two rock groups. *OCLC* locates three copies. [\[BTC#432185\]](#)

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December 13, 1976

Mrs. Belva Davis:

My name is Barbara Trotter; I'm a poet and a songwriter. I'm working on a novel that should be completed by the first part of year. I am presently employed by Southern Pacific Railroad as a Engineer Crew Dispatcher. I will be attending San Francisco State University in the spring; with a major in Journalism and creative writing and a minor in music. Right now I'm writing for a Rock group; The Nine Lives, and a group called the Brothers Two.

When I was a child I remember telling myself over and over; confirming my decision, "Barbara you're going to be a writer someday." But somehow down through the years my pathway was over-shadowed by trials, tribulations, and a tragic death. My dream melted like snow in the mist of a bright sun light. "But once I was blind but now I see." I now see and possess the valuable tools for success; fortitude, perserverance, faith, confidence and patience. "So you see like a plant I've overcome hail storms and lightning only because my roots were planted in deep soil. "I know where I'm going and like the Rock of Gibraltar; "I shall not be moved."

Enclosed is a book of poetry that I've written. I would like to do some poetry reading on your program. Thank you most graciously for your time. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person.

P.S. I had planned to write you a simple paragraph.  
Although we haven't met it seems as if I've  
known you all my life, since time began.

my Home # 535-2015  
work # 444-8637  
at " " " 438  
message # 605-3837

Cordially yours,  
Barbara Trotter