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| **The Fisher Woman** **Years ago, in a sea-side village lived an old woman. She was blind in one eye** **and had one bad leg. Because of this, she had to use a crutch when she walked,** **and often had to stop and rest. Early each morning she would leave the village** **and make her way down to the shore, load her boat with supplies and row out** **to sea. Often I would accompany her to the shore and see her off.**  **Sometimes, I would ask if I could go with her. Because I was young, only eight,**  **she would always reply, "You can, once you've grown to the height of my shoulder."** **Each evening she would return and share the fish she caught that day with those in** **need. When she was in need of money she would sell her catch.** **On star-lite nights the fisher woman would build a big fire on the beach. There we** **would all gather, the young and the not so young. She would tell great stories of**  **adventure and intrigue.**  **Often late into the night after everyone had gone to bed just the two of us would** **talk. And she'd often say to me, "Love, all else is but preparation!"** **One day she went out to fish - never to return. A bad storm had blown in, the worst**  **in my eight years that I'd ever seen. The villagers had searched and searched, but the** **fisher woman was never to be found.**  **At her memorial, I heard my father say to my mom, "If anyone exemplified living**  **a life with purpose and dignity - it was her."**  **The village mourned her loss, but none as much as me.**  **Timothy E. Stevenson April 8, 2001 worldwide ©** **Upoet.com**  **\*Free calendar print-outs! Book sales! \*circle important dates!** |

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