

## FOR MASSART

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We create to breathe air  
for the oxygen flowing inside  
needs a purpose  
other than to sustain our frame

We feed an internal rhythm  
for our pulse is just a beat  
to count time  
as we cultivate our craft

We shape and form and inquire  
for our hands can speak  
louder than some sounds  
the tongue can manage

We disassemble hate  
for the space for inclusion  
is greater than  
harmful acts can fit

We support one another  
for our shared experiences  
leave no room for judgment  
on any front

We share our talents  
for we know  
they will be treated with respect  
and appreciation

We search for a refuge  
for the world outside  
may not feel welcoming  
in the way we imagined

We found it here  
a sanctuary  
for our mentors give us praise

We found it here  
a refuge  
for these walls give us hope

We found it here at MassArt