

SKIN TOESKIN: An accolade to tactile healing Touch is an exploration . . . a journey along the surface of our skin discovering the foreignness of others who are also kin More than words or glances touch has redemptive possibilities it soothes mangled tissues & reduces insularity Touching is a form ah birthing fingers are gates to the soul Those who know this & reach out to others become rich through each per son they hold.

Aiko: (chuckling cynically) Can you trust such sentimental crap?

Cindy: Why not? The world is too full of mistrust already.

**Don:** I've discovered something interesting about trust: you might start out only half-sincere, but if another person communicates trust deeply, more often than not a transformation will happen. In some ways trust is "infectious".

Aiko: C'mon! How can a wolf cannot transform into a sheep?

**Don:** There are no wolves and no sheep – just human beings doing their best to survive in a world that's bigger than their capacity to comprehend.

**Aiko:** I'd say there is something of a wolf and sheep in most persons. Depending on the conditions, either trait can manifest.