Ode to Carol Lee: Carol Lee, What You Mean to Me
A Tribute from the Graduate Students Whose Lives You Have Touched
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Carol Lee, what you mean to me
Deep talks and advising sessions
Potentially overwhelming, but in your possession
Empowering
Uplifting
You gave me words, on which I could stand
Guiding me, as I formed my research plan
You're a trailblazer
A straight shooter
Hitting the mark with all your students
A role model
The 8th Wonder
Carol Lee, you're like no other

Carol Lee, what you mean to me
That Auntie with that sage advice
Ancestral Pride
Coursing through all of life
Reflected in our work
Reminding us of our worth
Warrior
Fighter

Carol Lee, what you mean to me
A pre-seer/ believer
in our resilience to bloom
As life took unexpected turns
You encouraged us to persevere
You sowed in us the seed of love
on which we could thrive

Carol Lee, what you mean to me
A safe place...
You encouraged me to carry on
Step-by-step
You guided me
You heard me out
You empowered my voice

Carol Lee, this is what you mean to me; this is what you mean to us