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Since her incarceration, Marilyn has continued her activism and was one of the earliest organizers of the the Free Mumia Abul Jamal campaign. She does extensive translation work for Spanish-speaking prisoners as well. Marilyn is a prolific and successful poet. In 2001 she won the PEN Prison Writing Program poetry prize and published a collection of poems, "Rescue the Word". She is also a sculptor and an accomplished saxophonist.

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