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**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND THE LOSS OF CHILDREN**

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Parental alienation syndrome is a process wherein children are alienated from the non-custodial parent by the custodial parent during, and even after, divorce processes. The poison used by the custodial parent can destroy all family relations among the non-custodial parent and these children. Classically, the eldest child turns away first and, like dominoes, the younger children follow. Years later, these children may argue that unconditional love never existed. It is the duty of the non-custodial parent to work with these children, however painful, such that they may move toward a more truthful and meaningful life. Poetry therapy can be utilized to address both cognitive and emotional aspects to loss, including the loss of children secondary to parental alienation syndrome.