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*IF*

*If I can*

*Ask my own questions,*

*Try out my ideas,*

*Experience what's around me,*

*Share what I find;*

*If I have*

*Plenty of time for*

*My special pace,*

*A nourishing space,*

*Things to transform;*

*If you'll be*

*My patient friend,*

*Trusted guide,*

*Fellow investigator,*

*Partner in learning;*

*Then I will*

*Explore the world,*

*Discover my voice*

*And tell you what I know*

*In a hundred languages.*

*Pamela Houk*