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Rhiannon: Mare Mother of Wales
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The Mother

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As with my two older children, I soon found it was not up to me what sacrifices I would make for this child. Two weeks later, a threatened miscarriage forced me to stay close to home.

When, after years of medical interventions, I failed to conceive a child, I called on Mother Aphrodite to aid me in my adoption.

The archetypal Mother is both a guide and a ghost. She points us in the direction we need to go to fulfill the human need to create, nurture, and transform; yet misunderstanding of her purpose haunts us with unattainable images of perfection.

Why did we have to be infertile when so many others have unwanted pregnancies? What “greater purpose” could it possibly serve for us to hurt so deeply?

We are housewives, artists, teachers, and mothers. In quilting bee fashion, we meet once a month. The blanket we produce is a blanket of sound waves. We are women drummers.
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