

*The Mythology of the*

**HARVEST MOTHER**

The Harvest Mother is the first and most ancient of all archetypes - the divine feminine - boundless mercy and bounty; ceaseless tending; Mother of Birth and Rebirth. Through the eternal cycles of nature and the seasons she births the Green Man at Winter Solstice; marries him at Summer Solstice; brings him back into her Earth body at Autumn Equinox; and gestates the Green Man again; until his renewal and rebirth and return of the sacred masculine and the light at Winter Solstice. She is Mother Nature and the source for all life, the sacred cycle of the seasons.

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**Poem for the Harvest Mother**

Our, goddess of harvest!  
You who will soon give birth.  
One from mothers to be,  
blessed in fertility.  
A dress in white with her crown,  
address our Earth and town.  
Deliver Autumn's child,  
Oh, consort of the wild!

Gather, goddess mother!  
Give thanks for each other,  
show us your abundance.  
For you we belly dance.  
For you we harvest grain.  
A mother you remain.  
Rebirth of last Spring's seed  
Gather life with fireweed!

Bless, goddess of the root!  
Bring life to Crested Butte  
Ripe regeneration.  
Pregnant celebration  
Pregnant from Winter's cold.  
I offer marigold  
To your sacred bosom,  
Ah deep mystic woman!

Reap, goddess full of life!  
Attended by a midwife  
In your court the trial is held  
Justice is compelled  
Justice, will the Grump burn?  
Spring's sacrifice in turn.  
Meadowsweet, anthracite  
Reap, You vessel of light!

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