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It all began with one  
woman, large  
and pregnant.  
She birthed the globe,  
the sky, the giants,  
and the gods.

The gods made man.

Man changed her stories,  
shredded her, divided  
her. Goddess of wisdom,  
goddess of marriage, goddess  
of lust. Virgin, wife, whore –  
a catalogue of woman's choices,  
stripping her of the right to be  
large and pregnant.