

The Moon Is Always Female: A Feminist Reinterpretation of a Classic Poem

In her poem "The Moon is Always Female," Marge Piercy offers a feminist reinterpretation of the classic poem "The Moon" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. Tennyson's poem presents the moon as a male figure, but Piercy's poem challenges this traditional gender role and offers a new perspective on the relationship between men and women.

Tennyson's Poem

Tennyson's poem "The Moon" is a sonnet that describes the moon as a male figure who is "sailing through the night." The poem uses imagery of the moon's light to create a sense of mystery and wonder. However, the poem also reinforces traditional gender roles by presenting the moon as a masculine figure who is dominant over the earth.



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The moon is sailing through the night, A silver boat upon the sea; And I

Piercy's Poem

Piercy's poem "The Moon is Always Female" challenges the traditional gender roles presented in Tennyson's poem. Piercy's poem presents the moon as a female figure who is "a mirror to our changing selves." The poem uses imagery of the moon's phases to create a sense of cyclical change and renewal. Piercy's poem also offers a new perspective on the relationship between men and women, suggesting that women are not subordinate to men, but are equal partners.

The moon is always female, A mirror to our changing selves, A silver circle

Marge Piercy's poem "The Moon is Always Female" is a powerful feminist reinterpretation of a classic poem. Piercy's poem challenges traditional gender roles and offers a new perspective on the relationship between men and women. Piercy's poem is a reminder that women are not subordinate to men, but are equal partners in life.



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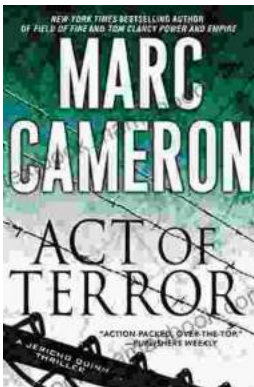
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