

## THE CHARGE OF THE CRONE

I am the Queen of Magick and the dark of the Moon, hidden  
in the deepest night.

I am the mystery of the Otherworlds, and the fear that coils  
about your heart in times of your trials.

I am the soul of nature that gives for to the univere; it is I  
who awaits at the of the spiral dance.

Most ancient among gods and mortals, let my worship be  
within the heart that has truly tasted life, for behold all acts  
of magick and art are my pleasure and my greatest ritual is  
love itself.

Therefore let there be beauty in your strength, compassion in  
your wrath, power in your humanity, and discipline balanced  
through mirth and reverence.

You who seek to remove my veil and behold my true face,  
know that all your questing and efforts are for nothing, and  
your lust and your desires shall avail you not at all.

For unless you know my mystery, look wherever you will, it will  
elude you, for it is within you and nowhere else.

Behold, I have ever been with you, from the beginning, the  
comforting hand that nurtured you in the dawn of life, and  
the loving embrace that awaits you at the end of each life,  
for I am that which is attained at the end of the dance.

I am the womb of new beginnings, as yet unimagined and  
unknown.

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