

WANING GIBBOUS- AND HALF-MOON SPRING 2021



A1: At the dark moon,
the most silent night of the month,
quiet and dark covered us,
and the breath of nature was suspended.

B1: Then our rest, vigil, and introspection
gave way to light and action.
The moon burst forth,
the tide turned; all was transformed.

A2: We were touched by the maiden,
who changes everything she touches.
As her light and power grew,
we felt our own power grow.

B2: Then, at the time of fullness,
the flood tide of power,
the lady in full circle of brightness
rode across the night sky.

A1: We celebrated the moon as mother,
Her power to nurture,
Her power to manifest
what the new moon has begun.

B1: *{IF GIBBOUS MOON}*
Now, in the waning aspect,
we began to see the crone.
The light pulls back slightly,
Foreshadowing the holy time of Hecate,
the mother of wisdom,
As the moon wanes,
She clears the way for new growth.

{IF HALF MOON}

Then, in the waning aspect, we began to sense the crone.
And now we see Her clearly.
We have reached the holy time of Hecate,
the mother of wisdom.
As the moon wanes,
She clears the way for new growth.

A2: She is the wise woman,
the power of ending.
It is she who weeds and prunes.
She begins to take stock
of what has grown.

B2: Feel the wisdom of evolution
stored in every cell of your body.
Know your own power to end,
as well as to begin.



A1: Find a comfortable position,
seated or lying down.
Close your eyes and take a deep breath . . .
Feel yourself letting go of conscious thought,
of worry,
of tension,
and of doubt.
Breathe and relax.
Relax your whole body, knowing that you are in a safe place . . .
Only when your body is fully relaxed
Is your awareness free to travel THE OTHER REALMS . . .

B1: *[count 10]* Continue to breathe deeply,
Knowing that you are supported
in moving in the direction of your dreams,
in manifesting the intentions of your heart.
And so for right now, relax, breathe, and let go.

A2: *[count 10]* See the doors of your heart opening wide,
and yourself entering,
going to your inner space,
your inner peace,
your inner calm,
your inner silence.
Breathe and relax.

B2: *[count 10]* See yourself sitting outside,
 in a safe place in nature,
 on top of a hill, or in a clearing,
 where you can get a full view of the night sky.
 Notice your surroundings.
 The darkness of night enfolds you,
 but you are able to sense,
 to feel,
 and to know
 the presence:
 The protection of the earth energy below,
 And the inspiration of the celestial energy above.

A1: *[count 10]* Looking up at the night sky now,
 You see stars hovering in the blackness.
 Instead of individual stars, though,
 You see a never-ending canopy of dark and light,
 of black and silver.

B1: *[count 10]*

{IF GIBBOUS MOON}

Where full-blown orb blossomed above,
 The right side of the great wheel
 has now begun to pull back a little.
 She steps back to oversee what has changed,
 What has been accomplished.

{IF HALF MOON}

Where the right side of the glowing orb
 had pulled back a little,
 and the Mother stepped back to see what had changed,
 the light has now withdrawn to half.

A2: *{IF GIBBOUS MOON}*

The Mother slowly treads toward the path of the Crone,
toward Her destiny of judgment,
toward our destiny of completion.

{IF HALF MOON}

Like the Lady Herself,
the moon is now equal parts light and dark:
the Mother who brings life,
balanced with the Dark Lady -
who will care for us in the end.

B2: [count 10]*{IF GIBBOUS MOON}*

Pondering the mysteries
of the tides of light and dark,
receive her blessing.
Link your vision to her vision.
Link your strength to her strength . . .

{IF HALF MOON}

Pondering the mysteries
of the half-light and half-dark,
receive her blessing.
Link your vision to her vision.
Link your strength to her strength . . .

A1: [count 10] As you sit in meditation and communion with the one,
you begin to realize that others are communing with her also.
Many people:
sharing your energy,
lending their energy,
and all drawing on her energy.
People you know, people you don't know;
people you only know a little,
people you used to know,
people you will know someday.
And, perhaps, someone who knows someone,
who knows someone you know.

- B1:** [count 10] We all share an intent, a vision for this moon cycle.
It is a vision of compassionate awareness in the world.
- A2:** What do you visualize, in this world of compassionate awareness?
[count 10] what will be different for you?
[count 10] what will be different for those around you?
[count 10] what will be different for those in the wider world,
for those who you don't know,
but whose lives you only hear about?
- B2:** [count 10] Receive the blessing and the strength of the great mother.
Know that she is with you always.
- A1:** [count 10] The moon refines her vision,
And glows brighter -
Making the sky less and less black,
More and more blue.
- B1:** [count 10] As her power has grown this month, we have felt our own power grow.
And now, each night as you see her energy transform,
You see the strength of our united energies transforming also.
- A2:** Our bond with each other grows,
as our bond with the mother grows:
Each day,
bathing the earth in the light of compassion.
The light of acceptance.
The light of justice.
The light of giving.
The light of love.
The light of compassionate liberation.
- B2:** [count 10] So: ask for what you desire.
Visualize what you wish to be **so**.
Let it be **so**.
- A1:** [count 10] And with the placing of this intention,
The shining moon glows brighter and bluer,
As you feel your energy mingling with Hers,
And with your sisters and brothers throughout the world.

- B1:** [count 10] As you continue to view the night sky above,
 You once again notice the canopy of stars.
 The light of a million stars,
 now gathered into one great nebula,
 Each star one of the children of earth like yourself.
- A2:** [count 10] Hold on to this feeling, and remember it:
 The feeling of being one of many in a huge driving force.
 One of many,
 Who are driven by compassion and the will of the divine.
- B2:** Bright mother of the night,
 lead us to the truth,
 and guide us in all our wanderings in darkness.
 Come forth, o gracious goddess.
- A1:** Let **us** also shine this night as a symbol of growth,
 of compassion,
 of justice,
 of all-encompassing love,
 and of reaching out,
 in strength and transformation.
- B1:** Moon that is a panther, a she-bear, a lioness,
 Three-headed hound of the moon;
 Moon-muse, Mother, fountain that rises and falls,
 Our blood ebbs and flows like the tides you make.
- A2:** Mistress of magic, ruler of the tides both seen and unseen;
 Spinner of the threads of birth and death and fate;
 O ancient one, nearest to us of heaven's lights!
- B2:** Our lady of the moon,
 In whom our endings are but new beginnings,
 We are gathered here in your name.
 Grant us your presence, we pray, in this time and in this season,
 That we may grow again in spirit and soul.

- A1:** Then let us face the month ahead with nerve and blood,
with toil and delight and passion,
and with the strength of she
 who mingles old things with new things,
The never-changing with the ever-changing;
With the old that remains always the new,
The new that perpetually becomes old.
May **we** also change everything we touch.
- B1:** [count 10] Close your mind's eye again.
Take a minute to let the lights fade from your sight,
That you may return to your place of solitude.
- A2:** [count 60] When rested,
you will rise refreshed and renewed,
ready to move forward.
Keep always in your mind
your vision of compassionate liberation,
 and what you desire to see in the world.
- B2:** And know now this mystery:
She has been with you from the beginning,
and She loves you always.
- A1:** Take your time, and begin taking a deep breath.
And another.
Continue to breathe deeply,
until you begin to feel your body again.
- B1:** [count 10] When you are ready,
take one more long breath,
and open your eyes, if you wish,
then rejoin us at the Grove of the Silver Birches.

