

Mary Consoles Eve Pantoum

Begin with silence (1 minute). Take a moment to sit with this [image](#). (pause).

On a piece of paper, begin to free-write. What strikes you about this picture? What emotions can you name? (several minutes)

With one phrase or sentence, answer the questions below. Spend 1-3 minutes on each question. Don't think too much, just write from a stream of consciousness.

1. Notice Mary's loving posture toward Eve. Describe how *you* feel when you know you are loved.
2. Imagine yourself as Eve caught clutching the forbidden fruit and the serpent winding up your leg. What do you think Eve is saying to Mary?
3. Imagine Mary speaking to Eve? If you were Eve, what would you need to hear most?
4. What stirs within Eve as she believes the consoling words of Mary?
5. What do you think the serpent is saying to deceive Eve again. Or, what is a lie from Satan that has bound you?
6. Consider Mary as she carries within her the promised seed that will crush the serpent, and destroy sin and death. What does incarnation feel like to you? Or, How do you think Eve feels as she touches Mary's belly?

French Pantoum

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Line 2:

Line 3:

Line 4:

STANZA 2

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Line 5:

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Line 6:

STANZA 3

Repeat line 5:

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