

# Talis Kimberley, Archetype Cafe

Lady MacBeth said to Helen of Troy  
When they finished the wine they'd been drinking  
"I'm all for regicide once in a while, but  
Helen, dear, what were you thinking?"  
Helen smiled back enigmatically, for she'd  
Never much cared what her friends say  
And the Ladies' Historic Society meets  
Down at Archetype Cafe on Wednesday...

Helen confided to the warrior, Jeanne d'Arc  
That the war would have happened without her  
And Joan with her visionary eyes all aflame  
Had seen killing enough not to doubt her  
Circe was conjuring bacon and eggs  
To the evident delight of young Sovay  
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And Lady Macbeth chaired the meeting and gave  
An impassioned plea for us to hear that the maddened and  
Murdering witches, hags whores and bitches  
Are history twisting the tale  
So they'll tell you Medea was jealous, they'll tell you  
Boudicca took poison and died and they'll give you a  
Line to yourself, or a place on the shelf  
If you wedded a better-known male

Rapunzel was braiding the hair of the werewolf  
Who always wore scarlet for hunting  
Annes Bonney and Boleyn were fencing again  
For the prize of a worn baby bunting  
Josephine Baker's twelve princesses danced  
Isadora kept score with Salome  
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And before Lady Mac thanked the speakers  
The questions rang out from the floor  
We challenged our daughters' perceptions to change  
And we challenged our sons' even more  
Oh they'll tell you Boudicca took poison, Circe was  
Wicked, and Sovay was hung they'll tell you  
Evita was idolised, Mary was holy &  
Pure, Juliet was too young

They'll tell you that... Helen was 'pretty' and poor Joan was 'mad'  
And Medea was 'jealous', and I was just 'bad'  
And the Ladies' Historic Society dines  
On the finest of foods and the choicest of wines  
And if I knew where Archetype Cafe was now  
I'd book us all tables for Wednesday...