

MYTHOLOGICAL REINTERPRETATION OF PERSEPHONE AS A SYMBOL OF EMPOWERMENT IN AMANDA LOVELACE'S *FLOWER CROWNS AND FEARSOME THINGS*

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Abstract

The reason myths endure is that their stories are flexible. They can be reshaped to challenge authority and give strength to those who are often silenced. This article analyses Amanda Lovelace's poetry collections *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things*. This article examines how Amanda Lovelace reinterprets Greek mythology, particularly empowering the figure of Persephone. Also addressed in this study is the manner in which Persephone, traditionally seen as a weak goddess carried off by other gods, is portrayed as having strength, determination and the complexity of a woman's nature. This study employs a qualitative approach, utilising textual analysis from a feminist literary criticism perspective. The results depict Persephone as a figure of both tenderness and strength, and as one of vulnerability and independence. Through these poems, women are depicted as taking suffering and transforming it into resilience, pushing back against male narratives and becoming more than what society's pressure represents. The reinterpretation of myth presented in this paper can be viewed as a strong means to criticize patriarchy and draw an empowering picture of women. This study further validates that contemporary poetry serves not only as an art form but also as a contemporary social critique for identity empowerment within the contemporary era.

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INTRODUCTION

Mythological Reinterpretation refers to the retelling and reimagining of old and widely known traditional myths to produce new meanings that challenge influential cultural narratives. According to Kaur et al. (2020), classical mythology has become a significant inspiration in literature, providing tales and histories of ancestors throughout the ages. Buckley (2012) also stated that the representation of Greek mythology plays a significant role in the representation of art, such as literature. Adhikari (2024) also says that the basis of various theories and myths functions depends on the meanings, curiosity, and interest applied in various literature and human life. Kapoor (2021) discusses Medusa representatives in the modern era, presenting a feminist perspective in contemporary literature. A

researcher appreciates Ballard's (2019) analysis of the mythological character Persephone as a symbol of either a victim or a goddess through a feminist lens. This research provides new insight, as the author uses the popular mythological figure of Persephone and analyses its reinterpretation in Amanda Lovelace's *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things*. Many authors and poets frequently draw on popular myths to explore contemporary issues, such as identity, gender, and power, in their works. In literary works, authors often use reinterpretation of myths to critique traditional standards, such as patriarchy. Furthermore, many authors reinterpret myths to empower disenfranchised groups of people, such as women or colonized people. In reinterpreting mythology, readers are guided to see a new perspective throughout the entire story, and authors can create such empowering narratives that are relatable to readers today. Most of these myths originate from ancient Greece and Rome, and are interpreted in various ways to consider the values and changing perspectives within the story. For example, in a prominent work by Lovelace, entitled *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things*, ancient myths are retold by reimagining Persephone as a symbol of feminist healing.

Persephone has become one of the most prominent figures in Greek mythology. In tradition, Persephone is known as the daughter of Demeter, the goddess of fertility, and Zeus, the god of the thunder, also known as the king of the gods. Persephone becomes a goddess of spring and symbolises joy. Meanwhile, the most well-known myth of Persephone is the tale of abduction by Hades, the underworld god, who forces Persephone to become his life partner. These tales reveal a great deal about the duality of Persephone. She embodies renewal and spring seasons when she belongs with her mother, Demeter, but she becomes the queen of the underworld and represents the fearsome and dark power when she belongs with Hades. In other words, it is the angel of death. Traditionally, Persephone becomes the representative of a passive, stolen girl who symbolises women's vulnerability. Women's victimhood can also be seen in Persephone's abduction by Hades. So, Persephone's myth truly embodies duality: she is both an innocent goddess and a powerful queen of the underworld. These

traditional myths, regarding the border between life and death, make her become an interesting tale figure of Greek mythology for feminist reinterpretation.

This study focuses on a discussion of poetry that reinterprets Greek mythology, specifically Persephone, as seen in *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things* by Amanda Lovelace. This well-known ancient figure symbolises empowerment and resilience as a complex aspect of feminism. This study reinterprets Persephone as a symbol of empowerment, her transformation tales from that of a kidnapped innocent girl to becoming the power of darkness, the queen of the underworld. Meanwhile, her resilience is evident in her ability to adapt to the duality of living between the world of spring and the underworld of death. By this duality, her feminine identity can express both softness and power, showcasing the complex nature of femininity. Such reinterpretation is significant because it is against the old patriarchal style that led women to be passive individuals. By reinterpreting Persephone as a powerful and resilient figure, the poetry acknowledges women's voices in navigating trauma while embracing their duality. This study examines poetry through the lens of feminist reinterpretation. Lovelace provides the duality of women, that elegance and powerful at the same time through the famous ancient figures, Persephone. Those representatives become reinterpreted by modern authors through the works of literature, telling that mythological reinterpretation challenges the readers' perspective towards such groups.

One of the most prominent contemporary poets from America is Amanda Lovelace. She is well known for her confessional style and is really accessible. Lovelace also became a social media poet, such as Tumblr and Instagram, before she published her works to become a book. Lovelace is really known for her bestselling poetry collection, one of her best works entitled *The Princess Saves Herself in this One*, especially in exploring themes, such as women's empowerment, survival, and trauma with a touch of mythology reinterpretation from a feminist point of view. She has a unique writing style. Her works dominant uses a free minimalist verse with direct language that addresses the reader. It makes Lovelace's poetry become both relatable and personal. Lovelace uses her

poetry to dare the old patriarchy narratives. She is willing to represent women's voices and stand for the survivors of violence. Amanda Lovelace made a huge contribution, especially towards feminism. Her writing portrays the pain and recovery of women's struggle. Besides that, Lovelace questioned the idea that women have limited power in society. Through her writing, she succeeds in making her poetry really accessible and acceptable to the younger generation, especially women. Many previous studies have already tells about ancient myths and its reinterpretation, but the author view that there are still lack of focus in studies about the reinterpretation of Persephone, especially in analyzing Lovelace's works of poetry. Therefore, this research wants to fullfill that gap.

Moreover, this study aims to analyze how Amanda Lovelace in her famous work entitled *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things* reimagined the ancient myth figure namely Persephone as a symbol of empowerment, resilience, and the complexity of feminism. This study uses literary criticism of feminism to examine Lovelace's poetry that combines softness of a women and anger as the form of resistance towards old view of patriarchy. This study has relevance to literary studies that show how mythological reinterpretation becomes the right strategy to represent women's voices and expand our understanding regarding the feminist representatives in the context of contemporary literature. Furthermore, this study also gives a new perspective about women that they are powerful enough and complex, against the old perspective that women are only innocent. In this study, the potential of literary works becomes wider. It is becoming a tool of social critique in the way how Lovelace reinterprets Persephone. She is not only retelling but gives insight to the readers that women are powerful and have their duality, not only passive. Thus, this study aims to give such a contribution to feminist poetry and highlight how contemporary poetry reinterpret ancient mythology to bring a new perspective that has relevance in society nowadays.

METHOD

The study examines Amanda Lovelace's reinterpretation of the Persephone myth in *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things* through qualitative research

methodology and textual analysis. The study prioritizes the exploration of the poems' meanings, symbols, and feminist themes over quantitative data collection, thus a qualitative approach is deemed most appropriate (Creswell, 2014). It is not about gathering numbers. The study examines how Lovelace reconceptualizes Persephone's dualities, portraying her as strong and independent, in contrast to the conventional passive goddess archetype typically associated with men. Krippendorff (2018) says that textual analysis lets us read some poems closely that deal with strength, resilience, and the complexity of women. This allows us to examine the connection between these literary elements and broader feminist theories. Secondary sources include Amanda Lovelace's writing and academic work on feminist criticism and reinterpreting myths.

For the data collection, poems from *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things* that clearly reimagine Persephone are chosen and used. Feminist literary criticism is employed to analyze these texts, demonstrating how Lovelace's reinterpretations contest and reconstruct patriarchal values (Tong, 2009). 1) Close reading to examine imagery, language, and poetic structure; 2) Thematic coding to identify recurring themes of empowerment, resilience, and duality; and 3) Interpretation of the relationship between these themes and feminist perspectives in literature (Braun & Clarke, 2006). The study's findings are conveyed through narratives to illustrate the connection between Lovelace's concepts and contemporary feminist theories, as well as the potential of myth reinterpretation to empower individuals. The objective of the study is to demonstrate the interconnections among classical mythology, feminist criticism, and contemporary poetry through this methodology.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In classical Greek mythology, Persephone is generally depicted as a passive figure, abducted by Hades and forced to become queen of the underworld. This narrative places her in a subordinate position, reinforcing the representation of women as beings lacking control over themselves. In the myth of Persephone, young women have always been caught in a double bind. Lured by their own

desires, they enter this world only to find themselves trapped once again Property of the Patriarchy. To correct this, Amanda Lovelace reworded a bit the poem "*Who said you can't wear a flower crown & still remain a fearsome thing -make Persephone proud*". The mix in a word that can be feminine and soft as well as a crown (hence flowers) with "*fearsome thing*" for power and resolve. This line against the stereotype that beauty not equal with power and fear. But Lovelace shows that tenderness and strength can exist simultaneously in women. By urging readers to "*make Persephone proud,*" Lovelace signifies that women want to be both beautiful and therefore feminine; strong so that they can protect themselves. In terms of women do not have to opt between approaching this with softness and brute force, we did is entirely possible. This aligns with feminism theory that refuse traditional pattern that weak is feminist and strong is masculine, with refers to Persephone, Lovelace raised the power of women that can be both soft and strong at the same time. May a pox befall such people for thinking anything different than this. This shows how mythology can be reread as a strategy of empowerment, in line with Butler (1990) view that gender identity is performative and can be renegotiated in different cultural contexts.

In the poem "*goddess of spring,*" Amanda Lovelace presents Persephone as a transformative figure empowered by her ability to deeply feel emotions. Lines such as "*she cries just as much when she's completely happy as she does when she's utterly devastated*" and "*she thinks it's a blessing to feel everything so much*" demonstrate Persephone's shift from a figure often portrayed in classical mythology as passive and trapped in suffering to one in control of her emotional experiences. Lovelace conceptualizes this emotional strength not as a weakness, despite the poem's often described "pathetic" or "dramatic" lyric figures, but as a form of blessing and inner strength. This aligns with Ali (2024) view that feminist literature often seeks to analyze the structure and wider social power to form such bold characters and their roles. Through the image of "*water wildflower meadows,*" the poem signifies a new process of healing and growth, emphasizing Persephone's transformation from a passive victim to a goddess of spring capable

of transforming pain into a source of life and strength. This reinterpretation affirms that emotional sensitivity can be a means of female empowerment.

In the poem "*Queen of the Underworld*," Amanda Lovelace firmly challenges the patriarchal view that has traditionally positioned women as objects of desire and passive recipients of male attention. The line "*she has always sparked more fear than lust in the hearts of men*" directly challenges the stereotype that a woman's value lies in her sexual attractiveness. Lovelace positions Persephone as a figure who inspires respect and even fear, not just lust. Furthermore, the series of lines "*she doesn't need their chocolate, she doesn't need their diamonds, she doesn't need their money*" rejects the idea that women must rely on gifts and material things from men to feel valuable or loved. Ultimately, the act of burning the roses sent by men and planting her own roses symbolizes independence, meaning making, and self-empowerment. This aligns with De Beauvoir (1949) view in *The Second Sex*, which emphasizes feminism in the importance of women establishing their autonomy and identity beyond the definitions imposed by men. Through this poem, Lovelace breaks the narrative of female passivity in classical mythology and offers the image of Persephone as a powerful, independent queen of the underworld who is not subject to patriarchal structures.

In the poem "*she likes being nobody*," Amanda Lovelace presents a duality in Persephone's character, which is situated between invisibility and hidden power. The line "*never once has she felt as if she's interesting enough to be the daring heroine of her own story*" reveals Persephone's vulnerable side, where she does not see herself as the main heroine in her own narrative, illustrating the experiences of women who are often marginalized in history and myth (Gilbert & Gubar, 1979). Lovelace wants to tell women that they can become a heroine on their own. In the view of feminism, Lovelace criticize how women often positioned as a supporting character in someone else's life story, not as the main character. But, with this poem, the Lovelace actually open the ways for narrative reversal. However, the following line "*& she's oddly okay with that*" shows a conscious choice to reject expectations of heroism that are often based on

masculine standards. Here, Lovelace presents Persephone's duality: on the one hand, she is an "invisible" figure, rejecting the spotlight and traditional heroic narratives. On the other hand, she has the power to define herself outside the framework of patriarchal narratives that dictate the role of women as objects or heroic figures according to male constructions. This duality emphasizes that female empowerment is not always manifested through dominant roles or public heroism, but can also manifest in the form of silent autonomy, choosing invisibility as a form of personal freedom. Lovelace, through this poem, reconstructs Persephone not simply as a victim or a hero, but as a complex, ambiguous figure, and sovereign over her own identity.

A dual interpretation of Amanda Lovelace you can get from Persephone, with the woman and goddess was both innocent and strong, This makes it clear that women cannot be reduced to one characteristic any more than men can. Female identity is a matter of fluidity and complexity, defined by personal experience in interaction with surrounding cultural norms. In the poem "*she likes being nobody*," Persephone, by choosing to be "*the daring heroine of her own story*" rejects a theme often imposed upon women that they should from take risk ous. But this is no act of weakness. A result of independence and control over one's own life development, instead it is more like an alternate interpretation for one form of strength. The contradiction between "invisibility" and "self-sovereignty" reveals a complex femininity; a state capable of containing tenderness, vulnerability, strength, and freedom within the same figure. Through this representation, Lovelace critiques the patriarchal view that only gives women two narrow choices: being a victim or a hero and offers a new understanding that femininity can exist across a broad spectrum, full of ambiguity, and still be empowering.

The representation of Persephone in Amanda Lovelace's poetry is also closely connected to feminist ideas that reject the construction of binary gender roles. Patriarchal traditions often divide women into two opposing categories: the "good woman" who is gentle, submissive, and passive, and the "bad woman" who is bold, strong, and defiant (Friedan, 2001). Persephone's duality in the poems

“*she likes being nobody*” and “*queen of the underworld*” rejects this framework by showing that a woman can combine traits considered opposites gentleness and strength, invisibility and autonomy, obedience and resistance, without losing her identity. By presenting Persephone as a figure who can be both “fearsome” and “feminine”, Lovelace challenges the idea that women must choose a single gender role that conforms to patriarchal standards. This aligns with Butler (1990) view, which asserts that gender is not a fixed identity or rigid category, but performative and subject to renegotiation. Through this reinterpretation, Lovelace opens up space for a femininity that is more fluid, layered, and not tied to binary oppositions that limit women's potential.

In Amanda Lovelace's poems chronicling Persephone's journey, naturally occurring representations like blossoms, vernal seasons, and rosebuds serve as integral factors epitomizing the process of female empowerment and transition. For instance, in the quotations “*make Persephone proud*” and “*she burned them all & then planted her own, & they were all the more lovely for it,*” flowers and roses function not only as emblems of tender femininity but in addition as signs of progress, rebirth, and the origination of modern interpretations. The word burn here means the bravery of women to rejecting a restrictive traditional system, while *planted her own* means building the meaning of life, identity, and space that suits their ownself, not what is imposed by others. The deed of cultivating her own rose garden signified Persephone's autonomy and capacity to fashion her persona outside of male domination. This aligns with Ali (2024) perspective, which affirms that symbols in feminist literature are frequently utilized to express women's liberation from patriarchal constructs. Furthermore, spring, Persephone's domain, reflects the cycle of life, encompassing not only happiness and rebirth but also suffering and rebirth, demonstrating that female empowerment is a dynamic process. Through the use of these natural symbols, Lovelace frames female power as something organic, rooted in lived experience, and capable of growing despite its roots in wounds and oppression.

Persephone's resilience is one of the key themes Amanda Lovelace addresses in her work, presenting a female figure capable of rising above suffering

and building her own strength. Lines like "*she burned them all & then planted her own, & they were all the more lovely for it*" and "*she thinks it's a blessing to feel everything so much*" demonstrate Persephone's emotional healing process, where pain and trauma do not diminish her, but rather become a source of new growth. The resilience depicted here demonstrates a woman's ability to adapt, reject patriarchal domination, and create an empowered identity despite its roots in dark experiences. This aligns with Hooks (2000) view, which states that women's strength is often built from experiences of oppression, and the courage to rise up is a tangible form of feminist empowerment. Through her poetry, Lovelace reframes Persephone from a mere kidnapping victim to a figure capable of transforming suffering into strength, reversing the mythological narrative that initially imprisoned her identity. Furthermore, it is also bring the feminist view about self agency, that women has a right to create, choose and even interpret their own life. Thus, the resilience Lovelace portrays is not only personal but also political, as it challenges the power structures that silence women's voices.

Amanda Lovelace's poem "*To Everyone Who Has a Bad Day & Tries to Take It Out on Me...*" presents an empowering perspective that focuses not only on individual strength but also on emotional survival and collective healing. Lines of prayer and hope such as "*I pray your bitterness is replaced with sweetness... I pray you go easier on yourself & those around you*" showcase women's strength in the form of empathy and compassion, which are often underestimated within patriarchal frameworks because they do not fit with the concept of domination based power (Hooks, 2000). depicts a prayer or hope for emotional transformation from bitterness to tenderness. Besides that, the use of the diction "bitterness" and "sweetness" establishes a strong contrast between inner suffering and the potential for self-healing. However, in modern feminist discourse, this kind of strength is considered a form of empowerment that rejects violence and chooses emotional transformation as a path to survival. Through this poem, Lovelace frames survival not only as the ability to fight or survive, but also as the process of building a safe space for oneself and others. Thus, the empowerment presented is not merely individualistic, but collective, rooted in solidarity and collective healing, an

approach increasingly recognized in contemporary feminist thought as a radical and transformative force.

Amanda Lovelace uses distinctive language, imagery, and poetic form to construct a feminist reinterpretation of Persephone. In terms of language, Lovelace chooses simple, direct diction, and lacks excessive capitalization, creating the impression of an intimate conversation and eliminating the distance between speaker and reader. This style reflects the spirit of third-wave feminism, which rejects the hierarchy of "high" language and opens access to all women's voices. The imagery in her poems often utilizes natural elements such as flowers, spring, and light, which signify not only tenderness but also healing, growth, and inner strength. In the quote "*I pray your bitterness is replaced with sweetness,*" the metaphor of bitter and sweet tastes depicts the emotional transformation and nonviolent power possessed by Persephone. The poem's free form, without rigid punctuation and often consisting of short lines, reflects a structural freedom that breaks the norms of traditional poetry, which is often masculine and formalistic. Thus, the use of language, imagery, and form in Lovelace's work not only functions as an artistic medium, but also as a feminist strategy for expressing women's autonomy, emotional experience, and empowerment through literature.

Amanda Lovelace uses straightforward language, powerful imagery, and free form poetry as a means to emphasize feminist messages in her reinterpretation of the Persephone myth. These techniques create space for women to speak for themselves, unbound by patriarchal literary conventions that have narrowly defined women's experiences. Imagery such as a crown born from fire or strength growing from a wound demonstrates that women's power is transformative and independent of external legitimacy. The poem's structure, free from fixed rules, also reflects resistance to a system that seeks to silence women's voices. According to Hooks (2000), feminism is rooted in efforts to transform narratives of oppression into narratives of freedom and self-love. Lovelace's literary techniques concretely embody this principle, as her poetry is not merely a work of art, but a declaration that invites readers to understand more about women's power beyond the constraints of established social norms.

Traditional mythological retellings of Persephone generally reproduce narratives centered on masculine power and women's position as passive objects. In the Homeric Hymn to Demeter, for example, the story of Persephone's abduction by Hades is portrayed as an irresistible act, reinforcing the construction of women as victims without agency. This mythology positions Persephone as a figure determined by the actions of men, Hades as the abductor and Zeus as the final decision maker of her fate. In contrast, Amanda Lovelace reinterprets Persephone's story by positioning her as a subject in complete control of her identity and power. In her poem, Persephone is no longer positioned as a victim waiting to be rescued, but as an empowered woman capable of redefining power, both through tenderness and assertiveness. The use of poetic lines emphasizing emotional autonomy, independence, and inner strength demonstrates Lovelace's attempt to overturn patriarchal narrative structures. Thus, this reinterpretation not only challenges the way classical myths are told but also opens up new space for understanding mythological stories as a means of empowering women, in line with contemporary feminist discourse that emphasizes the reconstruction of oppressive narratives.

Amanda Lovelace has made significant contributions to the development of contemporary feminist poetry by presenting works that emphasize the strength, resilience, and inspiration of women in facing challenging realities. In her poem *"oh yes, my darling, you are certainly resilient enough..."*, Lovelace displays a voice full of empathy and empowerment, transforming poetry into a space for healing and solidarity for women. The line *"you have no idea how many people you inspire just by having the courage to face another morning"* emphasizes that women's courage to survive, even in the face of everyday hardship, is a form of strength worthy of celebration and immortalization through literature. According to Ali (2024) feminist literature serves as women representatives both visibility and invisibility for building awareness and support among women. Lovelace contributes to this tradition by framing women's experiences as sources of inspiration, not merely suffering or objects of narrative. Through simple yet emotional language, she bridges the gap between poetry and readers, expanding

access to an inclusive and liberating feminist message. Thus, Lovelace's work affirms that feminist poetry can be a transformative vehicle that channels strength, healing, and empowerment for many women.

Amanda Lovelace's poetry, through its reinterpretation of the mythological figure of Persephone, has had a significant impact on shaping new understandings of gender and power. Traditionally, patriarchal structures associate power with masculine domination and place women in a subordinate or passive position (De Beauvoir, 1949). However, Lovelace's work dismantles this construct by presenting female power as something independent of male recognition or legitimacy. For example, in the poem "*oh yes, my darling... you inspire just by having the courage to face another morning,*" strength is depicted as the ability to endure, rise, and inspire, rather than to dominate. This shifts the paradigm of power from a hierarchical and oppressive form to one based on resilience, empathy, and solidarity. This reinterpretation supports contemporary feminist discourse that rejects the weak strong dichotomy and expands the understanding of power as the capacity to positively transform oneself and one's environment (Butler, 1990). Thus, Lovelace contributes to the transformation of understandings of gender and power, opening up space for more diverse and liberating representations of women's experiences in literature and society.

Amanda Lovelace's mythological reinterpretation keeps ancient stories like the Persephone myth alive and meaningful in a modern context, especially for female readers seeking representations of strength and resilience. In the poem "*when they drag you through hell... go on & reign over the very flames... wear them as a crown,*" Lovelace transforms the narrative of suffering into a symbol of power and courage. The fire, originally intended to destroy, is instead transformed into a crown, symbolizing women's ability to transform traumatic experiences into new sources of strength. It represents the traumatic experiences or oppression women endure and signifies the ability to not only survive but also master an initially debilitating situation. In this way, Lovelace presents myth not as a static story or merely a reflection of past patriarchal values, but as a dynamic space that can be reclaimed and adapted to the realities of women's struggles today (Zajko &

Leonard, 2006). This reinterpretation allows myth to function as a means of healing, empowerment, and inspiration, bridging the past and present through relevant and emotional language. From a feminist perspective, it affirms the idea that women can transform the painful experiences generated by patriarchal structures into new sources of strength. Fire, usually associated with pain, is instead worn as a crown, a symbol of legitimacy, dignity, and power. Thus, Lovelace's work demonstrates that myth is not only a cultural heritage, but also a field of resistance and transformation, the ability to make pain a symbol of empowerment, while opening new opportunities for feminism to rewrite history and give voice to women's experiences.

CONCLUSION

The Myth of Persephone in Amanda Lovelace's *Flower Crowns and Fearsome Things* dramatically portrays Persephone as a symbol of strength, resilience, and the complexities of womanhood. Lovelace creates a wholly new level to the readers' little myth of Persephone, individual who is certainly victim and a pawn for the men of their world, inbetween fragility and strength, as well as across the world. This inventive interpretation demonstrates how feminist semiotics can bring out "new social significances in ancient texts". It reveals that myths are not fixed and can be pointed into texts of resistance and liberation. In clear yet potent language, with profound imagery and form that's both free and lyrical, Lovelace notes that women's voices are valid, strong and, tautly, worthy of contemporary literature.

On one hand, Persephone embodies feminine diversity; responsible for the beginning of new life as well as hrose ruler duel governance echoes that between deities residing within man himself Persephone reprocessing myth as a kind of embodiment of women's all demands more of the public mind than it has been able to give till now. A literary work is not satisfying just because it is beautiful; those kinds of messages will affect society. By turning Persephone into an image of strength in her own right and not any one else's victim, feminist poetry taps literature's powers to unite communities and enable change. One torque as well as

the potential for individual growth. Humanity can recover from this past limitation through reinterpreting traditional myths question myths gender ideology in a community perspective. in future, researchers might look at the reinvention of many classic figures in myth by contemporary poetry and prose. This would aid in comprehending literature as a domain for transformation that links traditional narratives with contemporary feminist concepts.

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