

Arachne and Athene

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Arachne sits in her small, quiet house.
She sits weaving in her small, quiet house.
But Athene hears of her small, quiet house,
What she does in her small, quiet house,
How skilled she is in her small, quiet house.

Fierce Athene visits the small, quiet house.
Changes shape nearby the small, quiet house.
Heads towards Arachne's small, quiet house.
Sees her work inside the small, quiet house.
Knocks on the door of the small, quiet house.

Athene's let into the small, quiet house.
Is given wine in the small, quiet house.
Gives some advice in the small, quiet house.
Is argued with in the small, quiet house.
A challenge starts in the small, quiet house.

They weave stories about the big, wide world.
Stories of power in the big, wide world.
Of strong Artemis in the big, wide world,
And of young Phaethon in the big, wide world.
All day long focused on the big, wide world.

Athene feels defeat in the big, wide world.
Becomes furious with the big, wide world.
Curses Arachne in the big, wide world.
Strikes, strikes Arachne in the big, wide world.
Tries to strike her skill from the big, wide world.

Arachne shrinks in the big, wide world.
Smaller than a mouse in the big, wide world.
To the first spider in the big, wide world.
To a weaving beast in the big, wide world.
Another lovely thing for this big, wide world.