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NEWS FLASH!

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CHANGELING

by Teresa L. Douglas

It was in the woods on a moonlit night,
That I rode my horse Mystery
The sound of his hooves rang within the dark,
And the wind sang a song to me.

I followed on the moonpath,
And heard the waves call loud.
For waiting there where the woods met the beach,
Stood an elf-lord, tall and proud.

His clothes were woven of darkness,
He bore an elfin blade.
I reined in my horse as I saw him,
For he softly called my name.

Then said, "Come, join me, fair one.
Leave this world and enter mine.
There is nothing in that land of yours,
To keep you from the elfin kind."

He tempted me as he stood there,
 With his ebon and silver eyes.
 His spirit called to mine with passion,
 His body was one I would prize.

I took my hand from the horse rein,
 Caught the flash of a gleaming jewel,
 Saw the ring that matched the pendant I wore,
 Like an enticing blood-red pool.

He saw my hesitation,
 And took a step towards me,
 Then asked, "What is it, fair one?
 What within the crystal do you see?"

I gave to him in answer,
 "I see the human world.
 It may not have the magic of yours,
 Nor the witchery of your raven curls,

But it is where I do belong,"
 I said to him with a sigh.
 He shook his head in negation,
 And answered 'neath the star-filled sky.

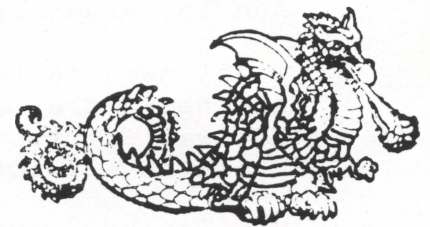
"This world alone could not stop you,
 From changing your path to mine.
 Who is he that stands between us,
 What man of mortal kind?"

I spoke to him in a whisper,
 "Please let me leave while I can.
 You will not change my mind, elf-lord,
 For I love a human man."

"Look carefully, my beloved,
 You believe you love a mortal man,
 But I am here to tell you,
 That is not what I am."

I looked at him in the moonlight,
 His face silver-lit did I see.
 It was the form of my lover --
 Was this a spell to capture me?

"You see, you are a changeling,
 Stolen by the human kind.
 As a child, you were taken.
 Come put your hand in mine."



I descended from my stallion's back,
 And took the offered hand.
 Then something flashed between us, and I
 regained my memory of elfin lands.

We walked along the glistening beach,
 To the mortal world we bade farewell.
 He told me how he had traced me,
 To free me from the human spell.

And yet, from time to time,
 Though I am happy in the elfin band,
 I wonder what my life would be like
 If I had stayed in mortal lands.

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