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MOTHER

She is the sea.
Sending her warm soft waves
to cuddle the shore,
embracing the land
with comforting arms.

She teases.
Her wavelets creeping in slowly,
and rushing quickly back softly,
into her deepness.

She is beautiful.
Holding life inside her,
nurturing and comforting
those under her care.
Leaving the land lonely...
but wet with her memory.

She rages.
Pounding the shore
with rolling fists,
bruising the land in her madness.

She is a goddess.
Ruling her kingdom
with a strong but gentle hand.
Destroying all that threaten,
protecting those who are vulnerable.

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