

Spirits in Bottles

Some assume a spirit: Gwion, Taliesin, Merlin
This would blur poets with prophets (gods with
mortals?) - Who chants in the damp cave, gloomy?
(Their women are feisty - wary of male hubris).

Some assume a trinity: Rhiannon, Ceridwen, Nimue
This blurs royalty on horseback with literary witches,
The moon's newness with her sombre dismemberment.
(Their men are cautious - wary of enchantments).

Some assume an old story - the earth communicates.
This would blur animals and plants with humans, and
All of these with sullen deities, beyond the gates of time.
(The scholars are undecided - wary of speculation).

I assume unbearable longing - a simulated Universe.
This blurs poetry with reality, programmers with hoary
gods - Who uploads, who animates my coded avatar?
(The scientists are anxious - wary of spirits in bottles).

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