



SKYWOMAN - Moment In Flight

In the center of the universe, in the sky world above the Creator (Sagoyewew) dwells, there exists a colonial tree. In a time long ago before the existence of the Iroquois, before there were Onogorons (people) the world as we know it was covered with water. A woman of the sky people, pregnant with child was drawn to this colonial tree. On its branches grew every fruit and leaf known to exist. On its trunk grew every flower and deep in its roots every known medicine. Some say she was the daughter of the Creator. Driven by curiosity and appetite she dug about its roots. She dug through the soft earth and a hole opened. She peered through and saw only water in a world below. The animals below saw light for the very first time. She slipped through the hole and on her way she reached out grabbing at rocks, plants, words and tidings from the tree. The water animals saw her coming forth. They knew she was bringing new life. They knew they had to create a place for her to live. The turtle offered his huge back for her to land. The mallards, geese and swans all rustled tails to break her fall. Flying to her, they comfort her in her "moment in flight".

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