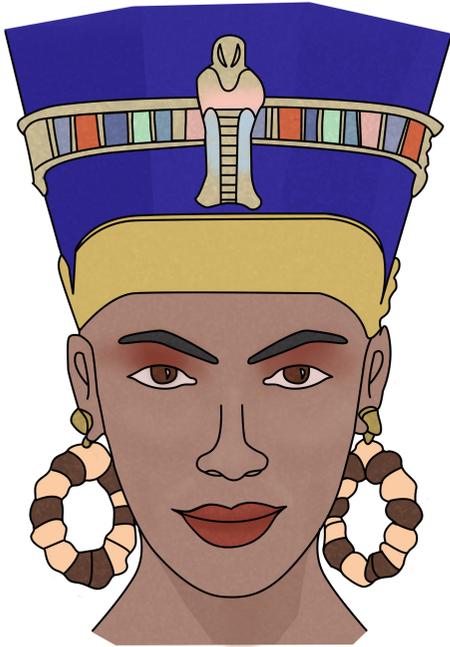


# Chapter 1

## Queen Nefertiti

*Queen of Courage*

(1370 to 1330 B.C.)



Queen Nefertiti ruled in the time of Ancient Egypt in a place also called the "Land of the Blacks." Married to King Akhenaten, she came from Kemet where new ideas were forming about man and his relation to nature. In their doctrine, they believed that man could reach his full potential if he acquired substantial wealth and power.

Although it was believed that women should play a sub-dominant role in this society, queen Nefertiti held strong in **Courage** to rebel against the societal norm then became well known for her heavy involvement in politics and debate. Early on she was a female diplomat who not only was a piercing beauty but had developed a track record for persuading people in the royal court to side with her point of view. She was in no way a traditional subservient queen. She became an **Asset** to women as the first official woman on record to promote and enhance woman's rights worldwide.

Her strong ideas threatened local priest who thought her concept of a woman bypassing a man priest in worship to be ridiculous and unacceptable. It was her fight for equal rights for women that paved the way for the women's rights movement. Her beauty alone was said to be convincing enough to sway opinions, but she took it a step further than her beauty for she felt her beauty took second place to her courage and strengths in politics and debate.

What a Courageous Queen!

She believed strongly in Matrimony and Loved her husband so much that she often fought alongside him in battle while disguised as a male soldier!!



# Spoken Word Story I

## Queen Nefertiti

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I am the beautiful queen Nefertiti of Egypt!!! Beautiful and elegant yet highly intelligent.  
Some take my beauty as a weakness.  
For many, this is a costly mistake!!  
Some eagerly search for the fountain of youth  
While others grow envious with hate

I am the great sun queen Nefertiti, Empress of the Mediterranean Sea  
A captivating beauty said to mesmerize all who lay eyes on me

I am Regally known as queen of the royal city and ruler of the Nile  
Said to be Egypt's prize claim to beauty with the most adorable smile,  
But I am queen of Ancient Egypt, Land of the Blacks! queen of Kemet!!  
I assure you that wherever I walk, I walk with class and that's a fact!!

A married woman... for ever and ever  
for it is only my husband who I truly treasure  
Through thick and thin we stand together  
Upon request I will assist him in battle, in any type of weather

And when I choose... with him and him only.... I can be as soft as a feather.

He Loves me and finds me daunting yet sometimes mysterious  
Here is a brief list of my most important characteristics

At all times I remain a woman of elegance, grace, poise and integrity  
My love for him is of the highest  
Because of strong moral values, I am respected as a celebrity

But Don't mistake my beauty for weakness for I am Beautiful and elegant yet highly intelligent.  
and not just another sub-servient queen!!  
In fact, I am the main one who manipulates the scene  
Highly active in Politics and debate  
These are just a couple of disciplines that make me great.  
I Catalyzed rifts between royals and priest to secure my point for worship of one god rising in the east.

I stay mighty and strong, never abusing my power,  
And when I choose... when I choose ladies... I can be as soft as a flower.  
While day after day I find more ways, to enhance all woman's power!!

I never wanted to be like most women negatively described in rhymes....

Not me and not this or any time....

So, don't mistaken my beauty for weakness, for I am far from soft or fake!  
I am an intellectual Queen who advanced women's power by mastering skills in politics and debate!

Don't let anyone mistake your beauty for weakness, for you are beautiful and elegant yet highly intelligent. Build on your strengths.

