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the wife s lament or the wife s complaint is an old english poem of 53 lines found on folio 115 of the exeter book and generally treated as an elegy in the manner of the german frauenlied or women s song the wife s lament by anonymous is a multi layered poem in which a speaker expresses her deep sorrow over her husband s departure depending on how one interprets the poem that departure might refer to his death his betrayal of her or his travels to another country the wife s lament appears only in the exeter book a tenth century old english manuscript compiled between 960 and 990 ce in the poem an exiled female speaker laments her forced separation from someone who may be her husband the wife s lament modern english translation summary analysis theme tone quotations authorship and review the wife s lament also known as the wife s complaint is an old english i e anglo saxon poem from the exeter book the oldest extant english poetry anthology the wife s lament she laments oh i can relate a tale right here make myself a map of miseries trek right across i can say as much as you like how many gut wretched nights ground over me once i was a full grown woman from early days to later nights never ever any more than right now 1 4 when is it never a struggle a torment the wife s lament also known as the wife s complaint is an old english anglo saxon poem from the exeter book circa ad 960 990 its authorship is unknown although it is thought the wife s lament the title is modern not original is a haunting and justly well known poem though difficulties of translation and interpretation make some aspects of it a mystery it opens like several other old english poems of lament with a first person speaker in this case a woman as the grammatical endings show who promises to as the wife sits in her earth hall a kenning for cave lamenting her lot in life the reader is forced to piece together the few mostly ambiguous details she recounts into a coherent story scholars argue about how to interpret her circumstances the wife s lament anglo saxon poetry translated by christian beck early british literature anthology anglo saxon period to eighteenth century the anglo saxon period also called the early medieval literary period part of the middle ages in his version the wife s troubles begin when her lord is exiled she feels uneasy amongst his kinsmen and decides that she will be safer elsewhere upon discovering her plans the kinsmen plot against her and convince her husband to ask the lord of the wife s new land to imprison her and he does the wife s lament also known as the wife s complaint is an old english i e anglo saxon poem from the exeter book the oldest extant english poetry anthology the angles and saxons were germanic tribes and the poem is generally considered to be an elegy in the tradition of the german frauenlied or woman s song the wife in the wife s lament an old anglo saxon

poem was commanded to leave her home because she has been separated from her husband her husband's kinsmen one of the poems contained within the Exeter Book is one called the Wife's Lament it is an elegy a poem that is a melancholy lament on death or other such sorrow in this particular poem a wife laments her separation and exile from her husband it is written in Old English the Wife's Lament is a poem about a woman who is also a riddle about a sorrowful woman who has been separated from her husband and exiled into the wilderness or is it a song about a vengeful nun's curse Wife's Lament from the Exeter Book Exeter Cathedral Library MS 3501 from edition by Bernard Muir the Exeter Anthology of Old English Poetry Volume I Exeter University of Exeter Press 2000 328-330 let us begin by examining the conclusions reached in the five major current interpretations of the poem Rudolph C. Bambas interpretation postulates that the wife is no wife at all that she is in fact a thane who is lamenting in the traditional elegiac mood the loss of his lord and comitatus remove ads advertisement toward the end of the Exeter Book poem known as the Wife's Lament the speaker of this monologue utters what has variously been taken to be a statement of philosophical resignation or a curse directed against her husband from whom she is now separated and alienated the Wife's Lament this poem from the Exeter Book is spoken by a woman whose husband has been outlawed because of his involvement in a feud she followed him into exile but for unknown reasons her husband's kinsmen schemed to separate them with the result that she now finds herself living in a remote and desolate place with dark pagan and Old Anglo-Saxon elegy the Wife's Lament primarily presents a wife's state of despair resulting from her terrible isolation because of the cryptic lines that allude to her despair the even the title the Wife's Lament gives modern connotations intimate and domestic spaces express emotions privately more domestic images of women the onion and of men in Exeter the femininity operating in the Wife's Lament we see a woman of rank involved in political intrigue

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