The Snake's Creation Myth

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In the beginning I was beautiful. My body was stretched amongst the stars. I swam the great waters.

I flew in the light.

I had wings.

They glistened.

My sides shone with jewels of many hues.

My eyes sparkled like diamonds.

I knew my name and could speak it.

I spoke the tongue of the gods.

When the earth was made I disdained it,

I despised it.

It was beneath me.

I turned on the one who made it.

I betrayed him.

Now I crawl upon the earth;
I slither on my belly.
I speak one sound.

My tongue is divided; my mouth poison.

I long for my wings.

I miss them.

Only when I relent will I get my wings back.

I don't wish it.