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- Title: The Wife's Lament
- Poet: Anonymous
- [The poem *The Wife's Lament* is a first-person monologue by a wife who shares her sorrowful story of exile and separation from her husband.]
- Manuscript Source: Preserved in the Exeter Book, a 10th-century anthology of Old English poetry
- Lines: 53 lines
- Genre: Elegy in the manner of the German *frauenlied*, or "women's song"