

Beratrice

Beratrice (bare-uh-nees)

King Ptolemy (tall-uh-MEE)

Venus (VEE-nus)

Beratrice had the most beautiful hair.

She wore it in one long shiny braid down her back.

One day, her husband, King Ptolemy, told her that he had to leave their home and go on a dangerous mission to protect his land and people.

His wife wondered what she could do to make sure he returned safely.

After thinking about it, Beratrice decided to cut off her lovely braid of hair.

She placed it in the temple of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. This was her sacrifice to keep her husband safe.

When King Ptolemy arrived home unharmed,

Beratrice learned that her hair was missing from the temple.

She became upset.

Then she learned that Zeus had decided that Beratrice's hair belonged in the night skies as a reminder of the sacrifice she made for her husband.