

Most Wonderful Time of the Year by Suzanna Yahya Nadler

It's the Capricorn time of year! With the sun and its ruler, Saturn, both in this constellation I keep hearing Andy Williams' song, *'the most wonderful time of the year.'* Some of you may be pondering what this ambitious, determined, practical Capricorn is talking about? I mean Capricorns span the personal zeitgeist from Nixon to Stephen Hawkin to Elvis to Janis Joplin to Martin Luther King Jr. to me! Even though their lives are certainly not traditionally "fun", their engagement with life is very full!



The symbol of capricornus is not just a domestic goat; it is a horned mountain goat with the magical tail of a fish or mermaid. Of all the astrological signs, Capricorn's icon is the oldest with its connections dating back to Mesopotamia and the god, Ea, or the Sumerian, Enki, both who spanned the realms of earth and water. One foot firmly planted in the river floor immersed with the fish, the other on land. The month of Capricorn was called the 'cave of the rising of the sun' and the sun was seen as surfacing from the underworld with the fish-tail representing the rains and flooding of the winter.

Tonight the full cancer supermoon rises in the sky expanding the watery influence of the cave or safe home in our lives. Sensitivity is heightened, especially in matters of the heart with Venus also in Capricorn. These influences may highlight in everyone the side of Capricorn that is most hidden: compassion and vulnerability. How easily we can be hurt and irritated when we are plodding away in life rather than delicately holding the balance between our responsibility to our world community and creating anew from our fertile wellspring.

The Capricorn motif is a valuable symbol for all of us, as a god of earth and water, who exists at the beginning and at the end of time. Say

goodbye to 2017, the time of waiting, and welcome in 2018, the time of clear action. May it be so!