Mayan Dawn

There's a commercial about a guy who chugs cheap chemicals From a tiny colored canister and claims he'll be energized For the next five hours.

He grins zombie-eyed at the camera
And says, "Let's do this."

He leaves for work alone.

There's a life about a gal who cups her hands Around her espresso drink, inhaling its rainforest bouquet While Ix-Chel's spindle sets her day in motion. She thanks the Barista, greets her friends on the patio, And drives to work wrapped in a Mayan dawn.

She feels sorry for Commercial Guy whose energy comes from a can, Whose soul is too stingy to start the day with friends, Whose lifestyle is too impatient to wish a neighbor good morning. She wants to tell him not to sacrifice his heart On the altar of convenience.

But she can't break through into his non-life, And, alas, he can't cross over into hers.

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Interpretation Guide:

Ix-Chel is the Mayan goddess of weaving.