Birth of Dionysus
Apollodorus, *Library* 3.4.3

Zeus felt passion for Semele and without Hera’s knowledge took her to bed. Semele was then tricked by Hera into asking Zeus to agree ahead to do whatever she asked. Semele asked that Zeus come to her in the way that he comes to Hera when he has sex on the mind. Zeus was not able to refuse her and comes to her chamber on a chariot with his flashings and thunderings and lets loose a thunderbolt. Semele died of fright, but Zeus, snatching up the six-month old babe who had miscarried from the fire and sewed him up in his thigh. After Semele’s death, the other daughters of Cadmus passed around the story that Semele was bedded by some man and lied about Zeus and that she was struck by lightening for this reason. During the suitable time, Zeus burst the stitches and gives birth to Dionysus and give him to Hermes.