



WOMAN IN TRAVAIL

Gum

Jeremiah 31:15

*A sound is heard in Ramah,
the sound of bitter weeping.
Rachel is crying for her children;
they are gone,
and she refuses to be comforted...*

Throughout the Bible there are many recorded incidents of women suffering through wars, famines, plagues, and mourning for sick and dying family and friends. Maybe things have not changed very much in 2,000 years.

From an artist's or news photographer's point of view, a picture or a sculpture of someone expressing deep emotion is a subject that needs to be captured and shared with those who have not seen or experienced life's travails.

The piece of gum wood was chosen because of its gray, subdued tone which, to me, suits the subject better than a light, brighter wood such as bass or cherry.