Witch Whirling

The first three sentences below make use of relative clauses fronted by relative adverbs—where, why, when. Find the clauses; verify that each acts adjectivally. The second and third sentences have multiple dependent clauses.

- 1. The small, slight woman never asked to find a place where the spinning of the world would stop.
- 2. Her few friends, who did not understood her well, invented reasons why she acted so oddly.
- 3. If they could only experience those occasions when she heard the keening in the wind, they might understand what she felt.

Where, when, and why are more commonly subordinate conjunctions, as in sentences four and five below.

- 4. Why she was chosen was never understood by her.
- 5. But having been chosen when she was young, she didn't quibble or wonder where her destiny would take her.

Find the impacted relative clauses below. How are they functioning?

- 6. When she woke that first time, she knew whoever she wanted would become hers.
- 7. Whomever she believed others would choose was no concern to her.
- 8. As far as the young man was concerned, when she walked out from the forest and took his hand, his life was irrevocably changed by this woman who he innately understood was a goddess.

