

Dear Man

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Did you expect me to believe it
when you called god The Father?
I may be young, but I have lived enough to know that
Women are the makers of every living thing.
So do not tell me you've discovered the divine
constructed in your own image,
between the sheer thin pages of a book
with proud burgundy leather and counterfeit gold leaf.

No.

She was here before the prophets
And the pyramids
And the pantheon.
And your man-made monuments mean nothing to her.
You met her when you cried out
blind and dumb and breathless for the very first time.

You were pulled panting and purple and pungent
from the only maker that has ever been.
But you could not see it because,
to you, she was no god;
Only a Woman.