

Spring 5-1-2016

## Gaia

Abdul M. Mandani  
*College of DuPage*

Follow this and additional works at: <http://dc.cod.edu/plr>

---

### Recommended Citation

Mandani, Abdul M. (2016) "Gaia," *The Prairie Light Review*: Vol. 38: No. 2, Article 52.  
Available at: <http://dc.cod.edu/plr/vol38/iss2/52>

This Selection is brought to you for free and open access by the College Publications at DigitalCommons@COD. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Prairie Light Review by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@COD. For more information, please contact [koteles@cod.edu](mailto:koteles@cod.edu).

Garnering a myriad of colors from the sunlight  
and sparkles from the silvery moon  
She embraces nature in her wide bosom  
and embellishes the cerulean sky.

No God can be born without a womb  
nor the devil without being first  
conceived in the mind;  
Her loin spawns the firmament  
as she breathes the universe into motion:  
Her tears form the streams, the lakes,  
the flowing rivers and the vast oceans,  
Her milk forms the rolling clouds  
and nourishes the flora and fauna.  
She rides upon the wings of the wind  
and heralds the sun-god each day  
in its burning chariot.

When she shuts her eyes  
she causes icy wilderness.  
When she opens them  
she blossoms into the Elysian Fields.

STRAWBERRIES  
*Teri Lavelle*

Rejoice fertile fruit!  
Your summer opulence,  
perfumed and shapely,  
still sparks romantic interludes.  
Sun drenched and idle,  
your wanton hue whets lips.  
Your rosy fragrance joins hands,  
sweet and pinkened from a picnic's tattoo.  
You— whose innards are outward,  
whose freckles on rich soft flesh  
fix your immortality,  
you— whose humble title  
humbles your lustrous legacy.  
You taste of memories ripe and passionate.