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The Other

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Your skin is Grecian olive.
Your skin is dark as night.
Your hair's a braid of silken black.
Your hair is waves of light.
Your eyes are slanted Asian.
Your eyes are Nordic blue.
Your face is hid in Muslim veils.
Your mother made you Jew.

You are the other
(Not like me).

Your heart delights in friendship.
Your shrink from words of hate.
Your hands are skilled at many chores.
You're more than child or mate.
You're source of life's beginning.
You're comfort when it's dying.
You long to see men live in peace.
You hear the good earth crying.

You are mother
(Just like me.)