Doxology: God . . . tell me how

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-Okopi Peterson

Beyond the beyond, you lurk behind the start Of the times. Mystery is the skin that wraps Your body (if you have one). In the pillar of Cloud and the blazing bush, we heard you speak. Like imprints, your footpaths are engraved on The faces of rocks. Horeb said he accommodated you And Nebo testifies to your visit. Red Sea said your finger tickled a parting across like a barber's Clipper and like the wall of Jericho, permit you. If I get you looking at me, God! I'll chat you with a billion lips of "how?" How? After Okopi, did you pass life as a gas into the Cave of Adam's nose? A statue for multiplication. And how did you carve him? Like an artist, you are? A sculptor? Perhaps, a form-er. Perhaps, a build-er Yet, your name isn't Bob but a beautiful bard You are. As a create-or. Tell me something, God! Dear God, tell me how. How did you wire the Bulbs you affixed on the chest of this vast Canopy that marks the parting between you And Cosmos? How did you put the bright smile On the face of the sun and the dim fluorescence As the countenance of the moon? How did you Levitate land from the belly of the deep? When

After the fish, we fry for food and maggots munch On man, will you hold me by hand and survey Your cubicle to tell me how?