



Ask the Brindled

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Truth spoken by poets matters more simply because the poet settles for nothing but the truth, so help her Veritas, daughter of Saturn. Such vigilance is arduous, and as a queer, Indigenous Hawaiian, No'u Revilla is as singular a voice as can be found. Recently, *Ask the Brindled* was selected as a winner of the National Poetry Series by Rick Barot. As an assistant professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, No'u champions ʻŌlewi literature in her creative writing courses.

Don't have sex with gods

*they hand me Bibles
build church pews between my legs.
do your rosary.
do your rosary, baby.
but Father, forgive me—
I use my rosary as rope
the way Maui hauled the sun,
the way Maui hauled islands.*

*if ʻŌleina is that which feeds,
if aloha ʻŌleina is love and lover of land,
then she who feeds is she who fucks.
ʻŌleina will fuck back.*

what happens when the rope breaks?

*do your rosary. don't do your rosary, baby.
we've always had sex with gods.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (July / August 2022)

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