

Mama Ocean Blue: A Poem, Mama Linda's Chapbook
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Mama Linda Gus (00:00):

Peace and blessings everyone. My name is Mama Linda Gus, and I am the bell ringer, I am the praise singer, and I invite you to listen, to learn, and to share. [foreign language 00:00:00:17] Gather round my people. Well, well, gather around my people, well, well. Gather around my people. Well, well, well, well, well.

Mama Linda Gus (00:36):

"Mama Ocean Blues 100 days are fast approaching no in his sight. Mama Ocean, please with us, humans, please save my children. Please save my wells, save my reefs, save my sea turtles, save my Brown Pelican, save my creatures. Oh, humans. What did I ever do to you? What did I ever do to deserve this? I've given you everything. I gave you life. I nourished you. I gave you recreation. You bathed in me and now you drill in my soul. You have shipped wrecked my body. Oh, such thankless creatures. Oh, humans, you are such thankless creatures. So selfish, so greedy. 100 million tons of dead fish are inside of me. An island of plastic waste bigger than the size of Texas. When the sea is seasick, where is the cure? What is the cure? When will the ambulance come for me? Who will operate on me, Mama Ocean? How will I fit into the hospital bed? SOS, lost at sea. Lost at sea. SOS. Please empathize, empathize with me."