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Bakerwoman God

Bakerwoman God, I am your living bread.
Strong, brown Bakerwoman God,
I am your low, soft and being-shaped loaf.

I am your rising bread,
well-kneaded by some divine
and knotty pair of knuckles,
by your warm earth hands.
I am bread well-kneaded.

Put me in fire, Bakerwoman God,
put me in your own bright fire.
I am warm, warm as you from fire.
I am white and gold, soft and hard,
brown and round. I am so warm from fire.

Break me, Bakerwoman God.
I am broken under your caring Word.
Drop me in your special juice in pieces.
Drop me in your blood.
Drunken me in the great red flood.
Self-giving chalice, swallow me.
My skin shines in the divine wine.
My face is cup-covered and I drown.

I fall up, in a red pool in a gold world
where your warm sunskin hand is there
to catch and hold me.
Bakerwoman God, remake me.

Alla Renée Bozarth

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Bakerwoman God

Women's Voices (SSA) and Piano

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Gently flowing $\text{♩} = 66$

mp

1

Soprano

Ba-ker-wo-man God,

mp

2

Alto

Ba - ker - wo-man God.

mp

Piano

mp

ped. (Pedal ad lib.)

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I am your liv - ing bread.

I am your liv - ing bread.

God, I am your liv - ing bread.

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Strong, brown,
Strong, brown,
Strong, brown,

13

Ba - ker - wo - man God,
Ba - ker - wo - man God,
Ba - ker - wo - man God,

mf

17

mf I am your low, soft and be - ing - shaped loaf.
mf I am your low, soft and be - ing - shaped loaf.
mf I am your low, soft and be - ing - shaped loaf.

mf

21

I am your ris - ing bread,
 I am your ris - ing bread,
 I am your ris - ing bread,

25

well knead - ed by some di - vine and knot - ty pair of
 some di - vine and knot - ty pair of
 and knot - ty pair of

29

knuck - les, by your warm earth -
 knuck - les, by your warm earth -
 knuck - les, by your warm earth -

33

hands. I am bread well -

hands. I am bread well -

hands. I am bread well -

37

knead - - - ed. *mf* Put me in your*

knead - - - ed.

knead - - - ed.

*In the original poem, this line is "Put me in fire." The word "your" is added here with the kind permission of the poet.

41

fire, *mf* Put me in your* fire, Ba-ker-wo-man God,

mf Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba-ker-wo-man

mf Put me in your* fire, Put me in your* fire,

45

Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba-ker-wo-man God,
 God, Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba-ker-wo-man God.
 Put me in your* fire

49

put me in your own bright fire.
 put me in your own bright fire.
 put me in your own bright fire.

53

mf
 I am warm,
 I am warm,
 I am warm,

57

warm as you from fire. I am white and
 warm as you from fire. I am white and
 warm from fire. I am white and

61

gold, soft and hard, brown and round.
 gold, soft and hard,
 gold, soft and hard, brown and

65

I am so warm from fire.
 brown and round. I am so warm from fire.
 round. I am so warm from fire.

70

mp 7

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

mp Ba - ker - wo - man God,

mp Ba - ker - wo - man

73

Break me,

Break me,

God, Break me,

77

Ba - ker - wo - man God

Ba - ker - wo - man God.

Ba - ker - wo - man God.

81

(mp)

I am bro - ken, bro - ken, I am bro - ken, I am bro - ken,

85

bro - ken un - der your car - ing Word.

89

Drop me in your spe - cial juice in piec - es.

93

Drop me in your blood.

Drop me in your blood.

Drop me in your blood.

97

Drun - ken me in the great red flood.

Drun - ken me in the great red flood.

Drun - ken me in the great red flood.

101

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

105

Self - giv - ing cha - lice, swal - low me._____

Self - giv - ing cha - lice, swal - low me._____

Self - giv - ing cha - lice, swal - low me._____

109

My skin

My skin

My skin

113

shines in the di - vine wine._____ My face is cup -

shines in the di - vine wine._____ My face is cup -

shines in the di - vine wine._____ My face is cup -

117

mf

cov - ered and I drown. I fall

cov - ered and I drown. I fall

cov - ered and I drown. i fall

mf

121

up in a red pool, a red

up in a red pool, a red

up in a red pool, a red

125

pool in a gold world where your

pool in a gold world where your

pool in a gold world where your

129

warm sun - skin hand is there to catch and

warm sun - skin hand is there to catch and

warm sun - skin hand is there to catch and

133

hold me.

hold me.

hold me.

mp

137

mp Ba-ker-wo-man God, Ba - ker - wo - man God,

mp Ba - ker - wo - man God, Ba - ker - wo - man

mp Ba - ker - wo - man God,

Ba - ker - wo - man God,

140

God, _____

Ba - ker - wo - man God, _____

p

144

p
re - make me. _____

p
re - make me. _____

p
re - make me. _____

rit.

al niente