

2022 Santa Fe Reads, NEA Big Read Poetry Contest Winner

**1st Place**

**Temuujin Abeyta**

# Blooming Universe

We are one  
with the ever-expanding universe  
the great blooming flower  
we call home.

When I was a kid  
I thought we were the only ones.  
But no,  
we are one out of trillions of worlds.

Colossal opal  
in the frigid void.  
The kaleidoscopic view  
of galaxies

From the small rumbles  
to the ever-blooming flower.  
Yet,  
we are one