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It's spicy and odd shaped
Others at the pot luck are not amused
He is excited because he knows what it tastes like

What God brought to the table
is Rich and Creamy
Sweet - Almost too sweet, but just sweet enough
Spicy and Hot to the touch
Cold like ice cream
Filling like Dinner

What God brought to the table
is kind of difficult to get to
must be shared
So, so different, than anything you ever tasted
that it's amazing and wonderful and strange in texture

What God Brought to the table is the best thing at the table
only a few people taste it and some don't even try
I had me some - a while back
It makes you feel like sunshine
and wonder
makes your heart beat fast
smells like innocence
tastes like all the good things you can not imagine
and is forever on your mind
forever on your mind

Brenda Petrakos is a writer/performer from Los Angeles, CA. Her work has been published in various publications including:Voices Of New Women Writers (Duke University Press), poeticdiversity, Literary Angles (Sybaritic Press), Falling Star Literary Magazine, Joy In Mudville: Hollywood Anthology (Metropolis Hopper Books), Afterwords (Really Big Show Productions), 2007 National Poetry Month Prose Winner, Palabra Press, Everything About You Is Beautiful (Really Big Show Productions), The Cobalt Poetry Series, The Valley Contemporary Poets Anthology. Her Short Story "Cop" was made into a short film - which has since screened at Cinema Slam in Park City, 2008. Her short story : "Welcome To Heaven" has been optioned as feature film.

