

SEA GREEN SERPENT

Gudjugudju the Serpent came to Gimuy-walbarra yidi country

already approaching to take her home

A glistening giant snake to eat people, create life, disgorge its children and all animal life

It churned up sand, a swirling geometric pattern in damp sand, drawn by granny

Copied in patina bronze, shimmering green like the sea

The Serpent left sighing fissures in creeks, billabongs, mighty rivers

The great eye blinked

luring her away, she ate gimuy, a blue luscious fig

soothing and caring because no human could at that moment of death, offer succour

she threw herself into Babinda rushing white water,

where she drew a last breath

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