

# Definitive Me

by Dilip Mohapatra (November 2015)

Earth in my body

an inheritance and a legacy

is but a small scoop

from the lithosphere.

Sea in my blood

swells and subsides

in harmony with the tidal rhythm

sometimes to ebb and

sometimes to overwhelm.

Fire in my belly

fanned by the winds in my breath

my propulsive prime mover

smoulders and simmers

but leaps into occasional

flames towering into infernos

spewing hot molten lava.

The skies in my eyes

with endless and limitless  
aspirations and hopes  
urge me to reach the stars  
light years away beyond the Milky Way  
cruising through  
the cosmic chasms and black holes.

The vast expanse of space  
the boundary less infinity  
embedded within  
the limits of my finite skin  
makes my soul expand  
to fill up the vacuum  
and swim to the surface  
and spread out  
as a glistening sun glides  
on the eternally unending waves.

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