

# Literature Relevant to the Art and Historical Period

## When Mud Woman Begins

Electricity  
down my arm  
through this clay  
forming into  
spirit shapes  
of men  
women  
and children  
I have seen  
somewhere before.  
Electricity  
surging upward  
as I mix  
this mud  
like my mother  
as her mother did  
with small  
brown feet.  
Folding into this earth  
a decision of  
joyful play,  
transcending expectations  
of fear  
failure  
or perfection.  
Creating spirits  
calling invitations  
of celebration.  
What occurs  
in completed form,  
bright  
and bold,  
is motion  
from our mother's skin.

I smile  
momentarily satisfied  
with my play.  
Electricity,  
generated from star colors  
far from home,  
entering  
through my feet  
blessing my hands  
and opening my heart

— *Nora Naranjo-Morse (Naranjo-Morse)*



Fort potter at work