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Tellus zine is a youth-led digital and print publication, showcasing art and creative writing by young adults from across Greater Cincinnati.

Its mission is to provide a platform for young people to express themselves bravely and creatively as a part of our diverse community.

The name Tellus comes from the Latin word meaning “Earth” and also can be broken down into the invitation “Tell us!”. The editorial board selected this name for our publication because of this double meaning.

The Tellus Editorial Board consists of 10-15 diverse, high school students, selected from applicants located across Greater Cincinnati.

The board meets weekly throughout the school year to develop the zine, review submissions, and plan events. Board members also engage in regular critical dialogues about issues that matter to each member personally. They learn about editorial skills and different art forms through guest talks, field trips to artist studios, and to zine and art book fairs.

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EDITORIAL STATEMENT

As we reassess the ways we move forward in the world, we ask ourselves what do I give value to? What do I hold valuable and why? Arising from the ashes of the troublesome and turbulent climate present in our world, we sense a new renaissance painting the world in appreciation. Our values erupt and spread into the fabric of society and sow seeds for the future. We may also interpret value as an expression of colors painted in the wind, conjured by the fluttering leaves of autumn, a winter snow, flowers in bloom, or the rays of the summer sun. Inspired by the world around us we embrace the shifting seasons, everchanging for millennia to come. Here, the Tellus Zine Editorial Board asks artists to explore the meaning of value for themselves. Whether it be cherished memories of days past, one's beliefs and ideas, or the colors of life. Value exists as a multifaceted theme, holding the precious soul of humanity in its back pocket.

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Rainbow Death - 12.26.23

Give me an 800 of every kind
I want red with a green type ooze
Till I'm beat like black and blue,

Till I see purple waves of lines
Give me time so it'll me pass by,

I want a love of every kind
I want rain with an orange sky,

With clouds dark as death
And a yellow star so bright it shines,

And I can see us just dancing there
As long as you'll let me stare,

And I'd love going blind—
Till every color melts my mind,

A technicolor death divine
Black oblivion so sublime,

I wanna die a rainbow death
When I go—just know I loved you so,

I wanna see colors and flashing lights
I'll die an uneasy soul,

But I know you won't let me go...

Rainbow Death
Madison Bryant, 17

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The Community
Khadiyatou Gadiaga, 18

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Letting Go
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So Beautiful It Feels Fake
Fritz Ebbeler, 17

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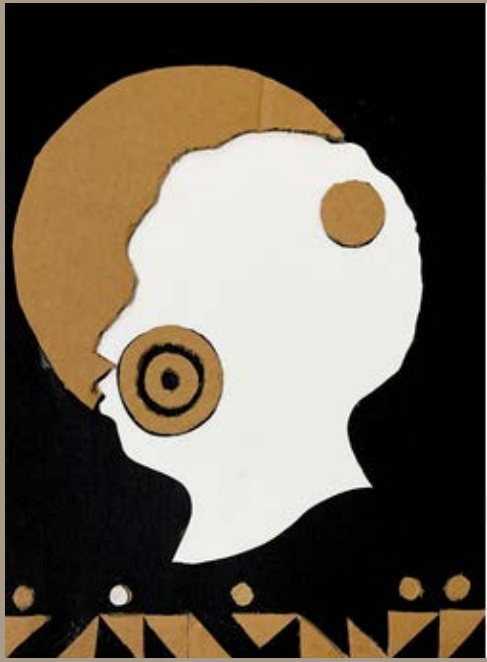
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Uncertainty

I remember the way you used to hold me tight and the way
you kissed me goodnight

But all now left is all the memories

And a heart full of pain and misery

I lost myself in you

Why'd you have to kick me out

When you let me in?

You said I'm leading myself on

When you're the one that lead me on

Were you just being friendly, or did you feel the same way

Is this just a game, or is there a burning flame?

I see the signs, but I can't tell

Do you want me, like I want you, as well?

Uncertainty

Justin Garcia, 17

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Muffin
Lydia Eicholz, 17



Muffin's Cave
Lydia Eicholz, 17

VALUE

I don't know what to feel really
I guess I'm happy
yeah
lying in my head listening to Molly Grace with some weird
posture
this feels weird
feeling happy
even though I still have a lot to do
and I did a lot
it might just be because I watched the new Percy Jackson
episode
but also my crush didn't really do anything today
i started a text convo with him and he didn't put any
effort into it
that might be because I insulted his friend a bit
but eh
I'm still feeling happy
so I guess that's fine
I also got to wear my favorite outfit today
which felt pretty great
but I still gotta finish my English work
this is weird
I guess it's a kinda universal thing
I feel like no matter what success I have there's another
one I have to complete
no breaks
but I guess that's life
I'm still happy though
so I guess it's ok:)
ew my hand's itchy

Don't know what to feel

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Olive

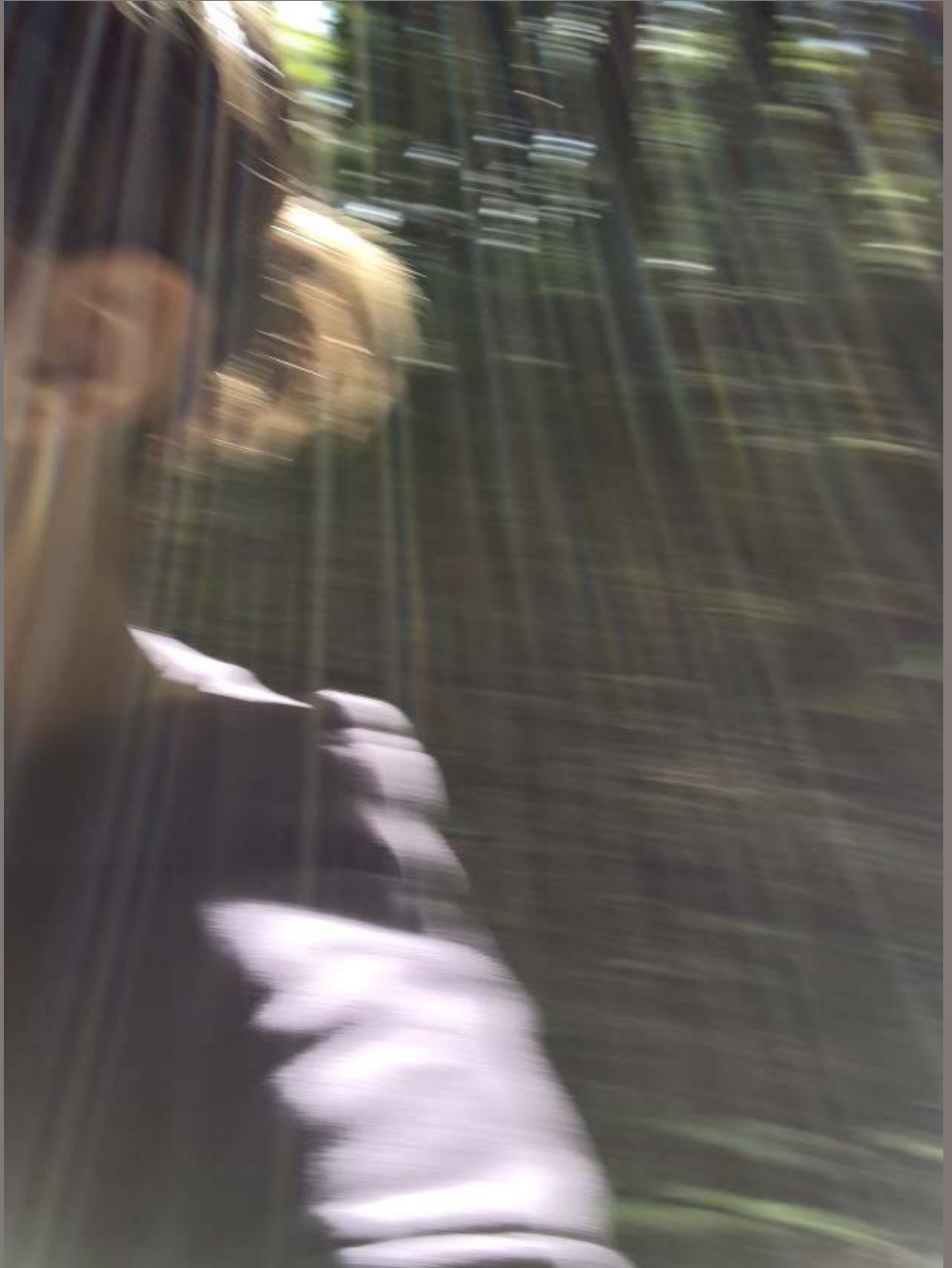
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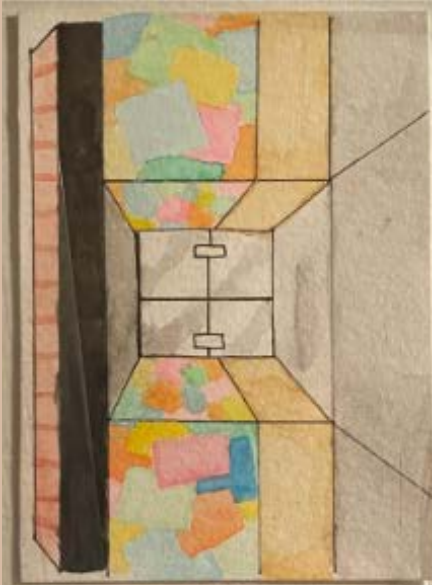
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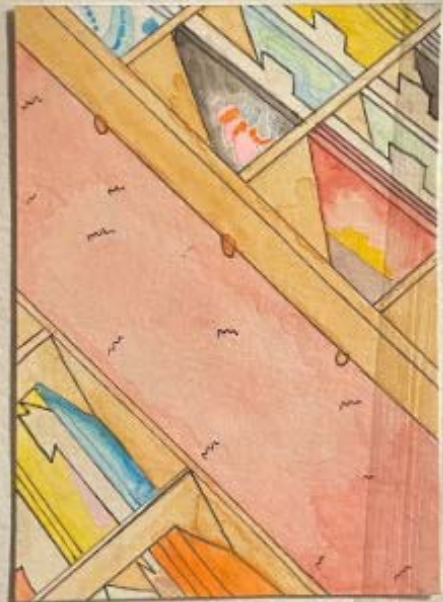


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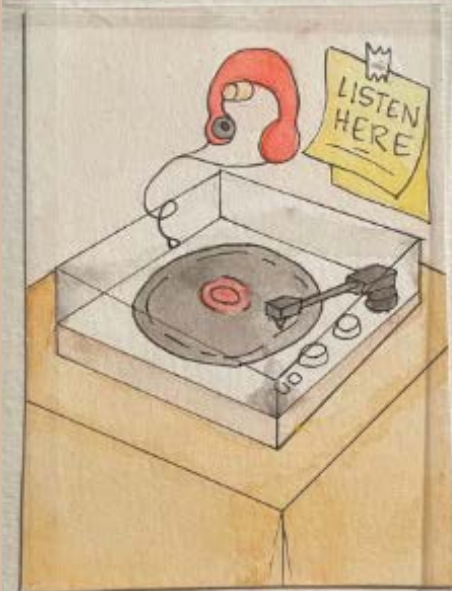
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Decisions at the Carnival
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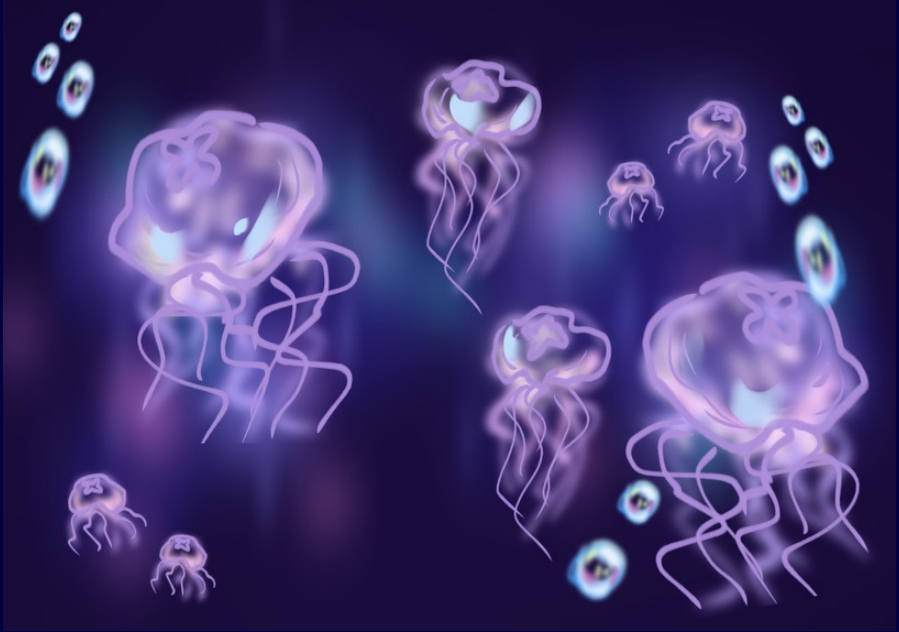


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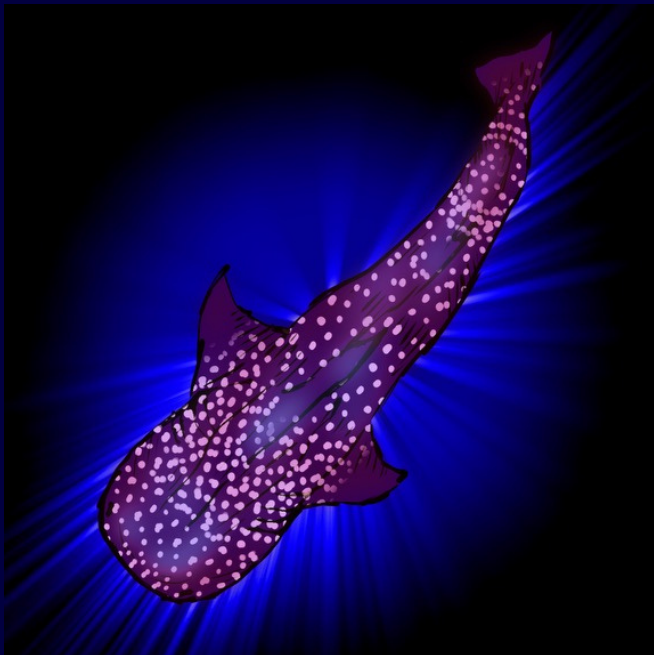


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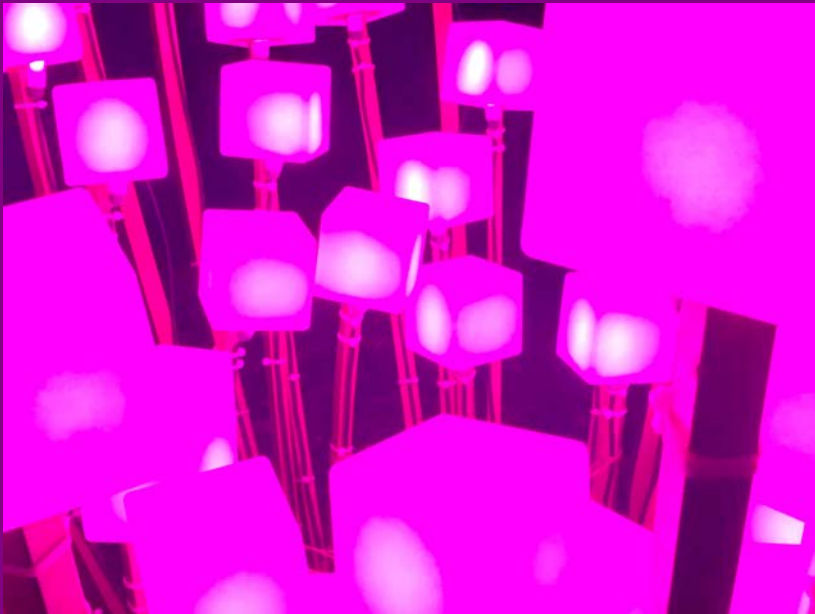
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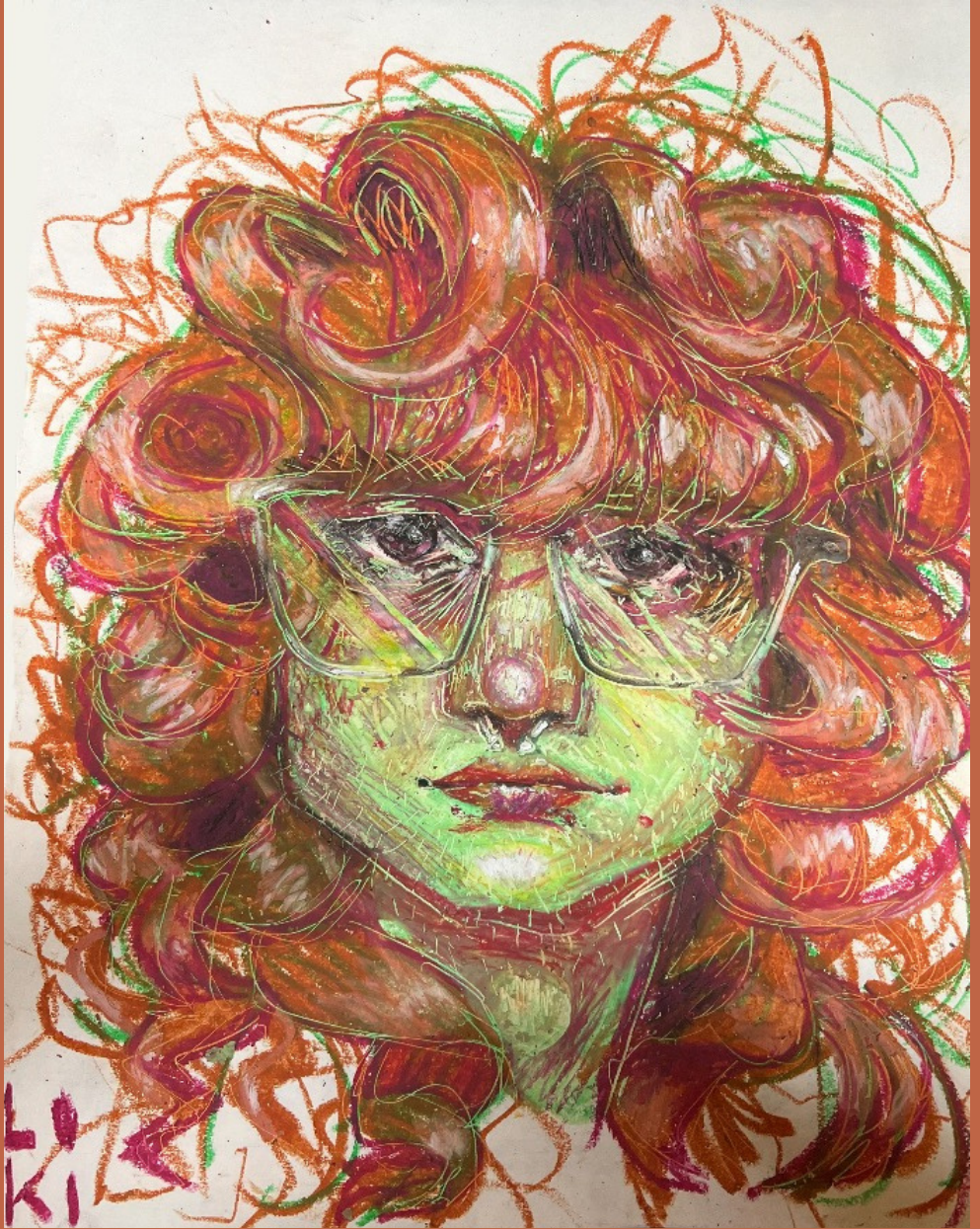


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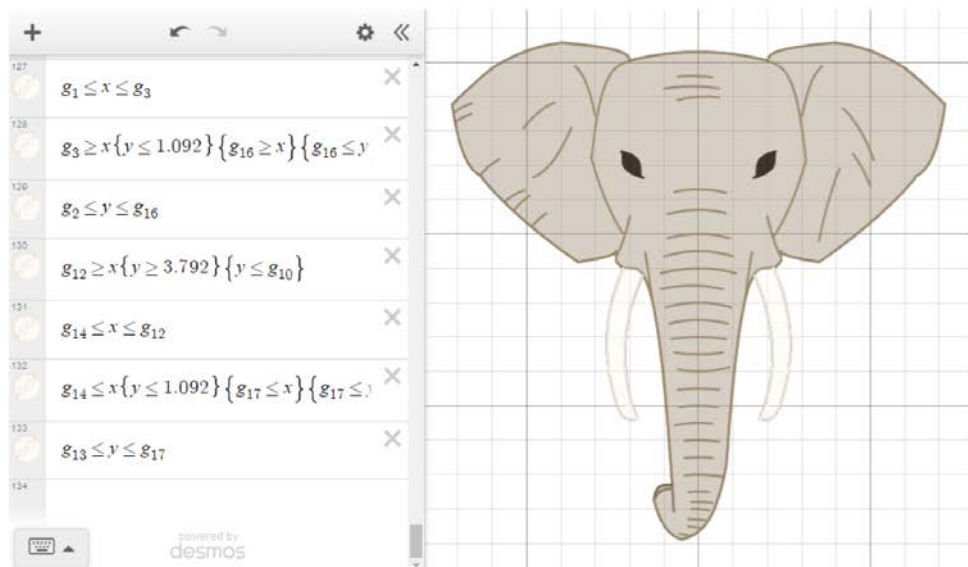


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Violet Underhill, 17



La Raza
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“I would not consider myself an artist, and have little to no artistic experience. But math is something I really value and understand, and so I spent at least two dozen hours painstakingly lining up and revising functions in Desmos to create something I also love, elephants.”

- Caleb Ebert

Lil-C Snoop Rock Bling Pain Notorious Chillin’

Caleb Ebert, 16

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Modern Beauty
Fritz Ebbeler, 17

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Value in me

In five years I want to be a strong independent woman who takes pride in themselves and always aspires to put in 100% effort in what I do if not more. I want to live my life being open to growth, which means having a growth mindset and always believing that my most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work I want to believe in myself, embrace my differences, and be button-proof, meaning I won't let anyone tell me what they think I'm not capable of.

I want to be me.

Nevaeh Riley Elizabeth Teare.

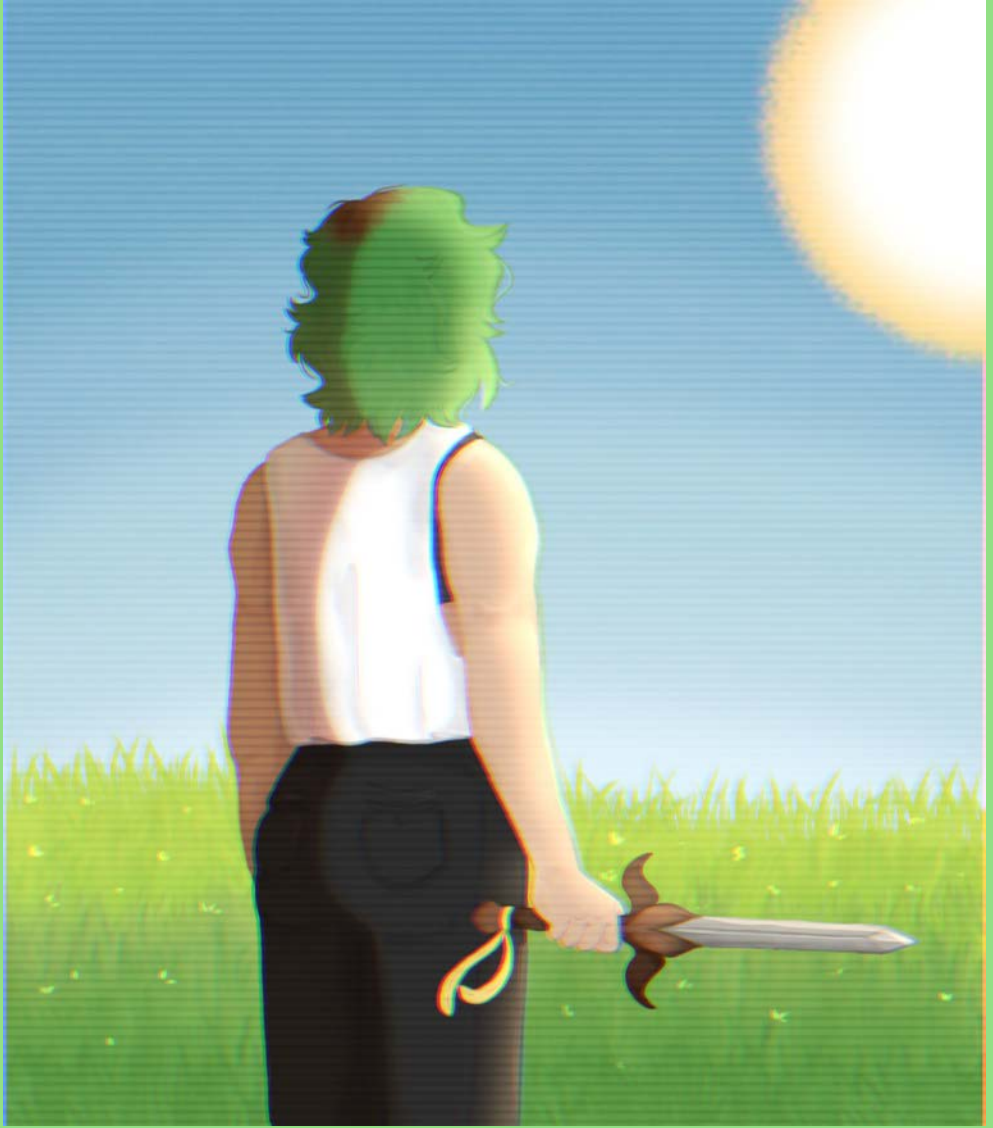
In five years I want to be a person people look up to and depend on i want to be trustworthy and believe that I'm trustworthy. I want to be a great student, daughter, sister, and friend and always have a positive impact on people in my life.

I want to be my mom's light, my dad's love, my stepdad's joy, Eden's best friend, Spencer's happiness, and LJ's biggest supporter and listener, because that's who they are for me.

In five years, I want to study what gives me purpose explore my passions and find my community I want to be resilient and persistent in building my personal development and recognize my achievements and goals.

In five years I want to fulfill my purpose.

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The Soldier
Raining Bozarth-Stapp, 17

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Behind My Eyes
Kirah Pieper, 17

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Love to love (music)

Breathe in, breathe out, shout it out
make these minutes pass, no doubt

The anemones over the hills
sparkle as the night chills
agora hills are a dream now
autumn in new york is gone, how

Those days are long and kisses sweet
bet u wanna touch the stars
bet u'd let me go on a journey to the center of your heart
cozy in the corner of a street

Heels on the floor and voices talking
she said these boots are made for walkin'
stand up and take a bow
my eyes wish they could see me now

I still get up, I still stand high
Promised mama I'm gonna live until I die

Gold, Fish

The dreamcatcher,
the fish of gold

A movement in the water
calls upon a green whisper

Succulent leaves wrap
around the secret of life
as they dream of peace

Meet

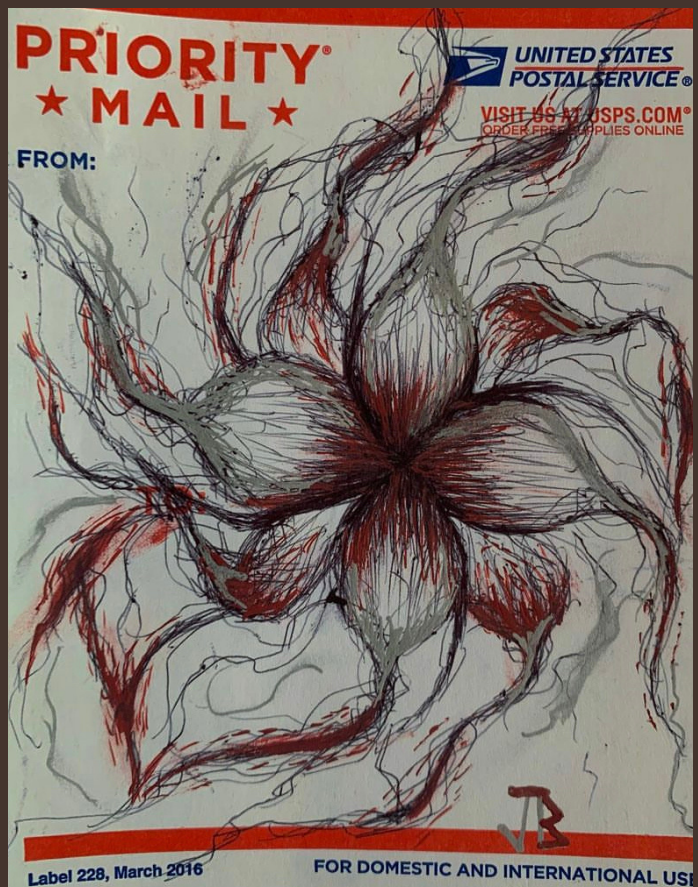
Loss of words
Lost in water
Cutting through
Breathing
Alive at last

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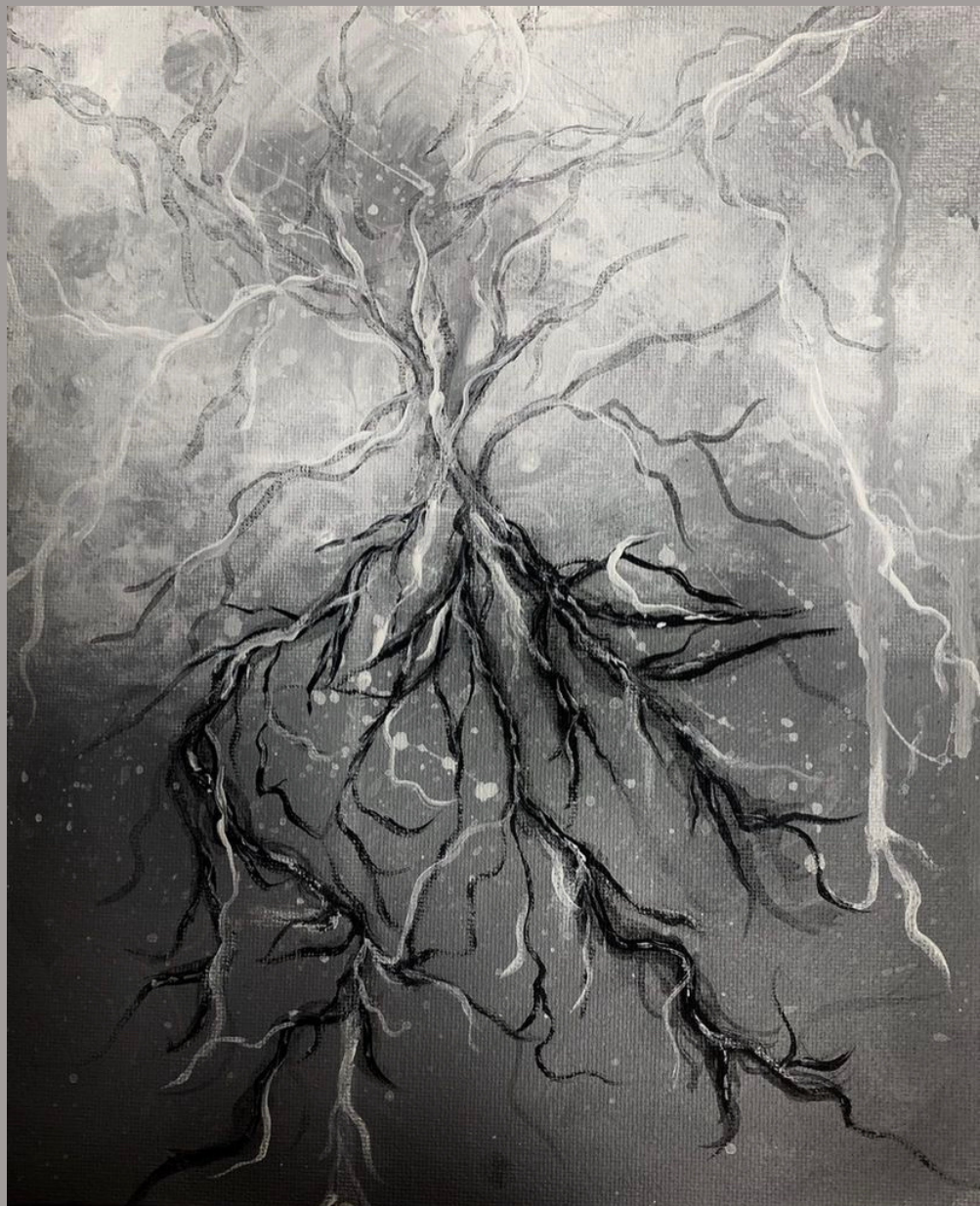
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Don't Look
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Flowers and Stars Series
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Where You Go I Go
Raining Bozarth-Stapp, 17

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Nature I
Luna Debono, 17



Nature II
Luna Debono, 17

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Incomprehensible in life
but eventually they
will die

Without a goodbye
black eyes
and mortality
rules to abide by

Moss to coat my skin
lichen in my bones
a tightness to my chest
like my youthful lungs
are full of stones

I tried to linger for a
while
permeate the air
the particle affairs
to change states
amongst the unaware

Beyond nomads
and vagabonds
the forgetfulness that
corresponds
and the creases in
our palms
are uncharted woods
and printless earth
ceaseless existence
inconceivable to the
ashen hearth

The apricot glow
born from another's limbs
a low rumble of voices
fable spins and story
under cricket-songed
blanket

The impressions on a mind
may transcend
the eroding toll of time

Love the world until it ends
and even then
fondness will extend
and sentiment transcend

Beyond the infamy
the abysmal there is brilliancy
paranormal

An ear against the veil
to hear the sound of the alive
Past those who will arrive
farther still
we strive

There's a firebug in my garden
among blueberry buds
and pepper leaves
Soap suds clinging
to cup's rim
and the soft light
I perceive

The gloaming is dying
before the night
right before my torpid eyes
Dusk breathes its last breath
the short revival
before the longer death
The firebug blinks to black
The glow goes dark

Firebug
Maeve Clancy, 17

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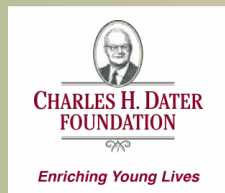
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