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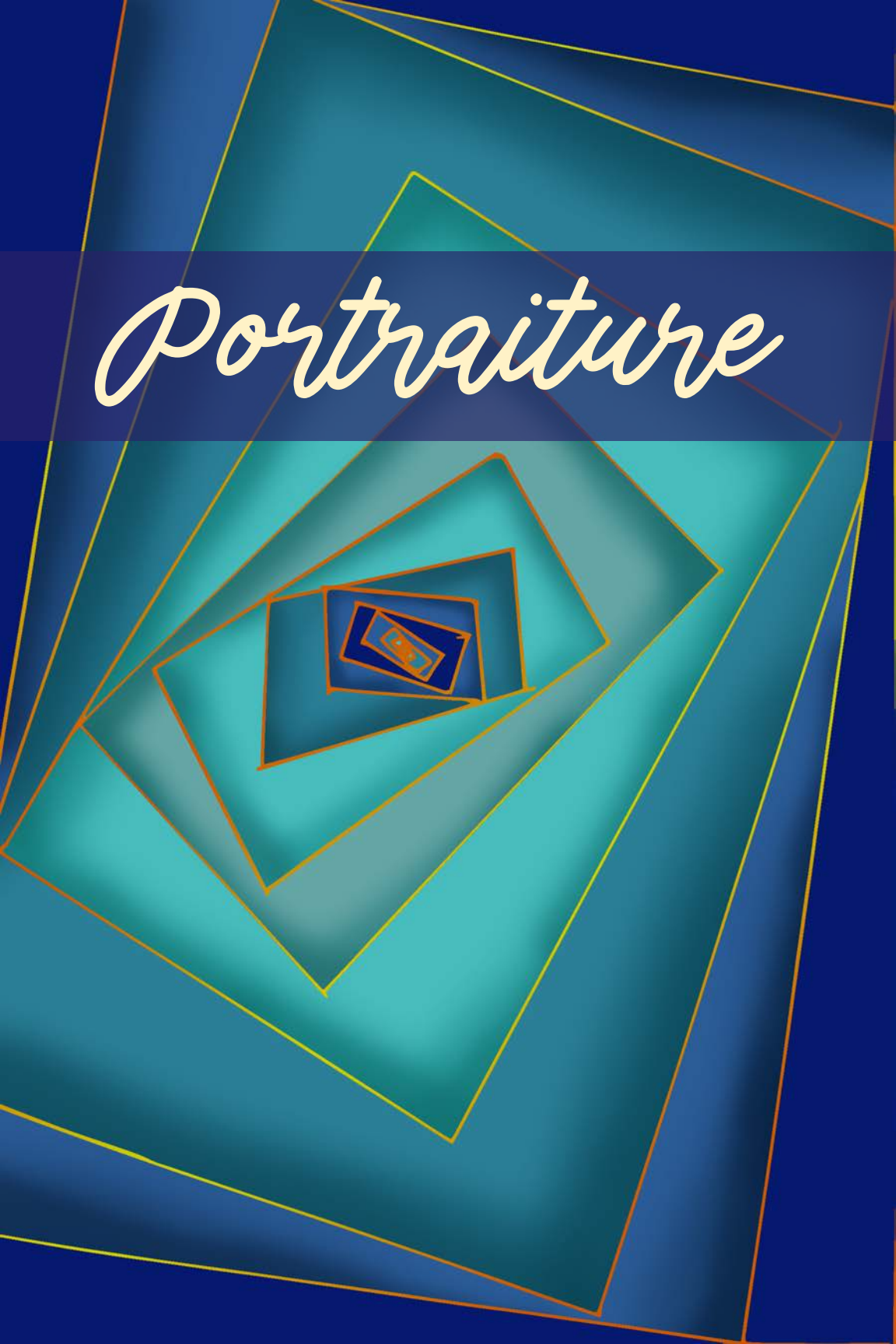
Introduction

The Covid-19 pandemic has called on each of us to invest in society's collective health and well-being. The simultaneous racial justice uprisings have pushed all Americans to examine the inequities built into our country, and has expanded and reignited the struggle for a just society. Artists Jetsonorama and Ursula Rucker have brought Mural Arts students on a journey through the past to look at previous pandemics and civil rights struggles, to fuse the ideas of health and wellness with justice and equity. Together with students and teaching artists Sarah Kolker and Carolina Gomez, they created this zine that focuses on public health awareness and dreams for a better future. It includes artwork and poetry from each student, the teaching artists, and from the artists themselves.

Both Jetsonorama and Ursula Rucker are artists who have used their practices for social justice. Using the power of poetry, positivity, and imagery generated by Mural Arts Education students, Jetsonorama has created a mural with Rucker that celebrates her home neighborhood of Germantown. Poetry from students and community members surrounds Rucker's portrait. Rucker is pictured shouting through a megaphone a poem that inspires empowerment, peace, resilience, and love. This zine is a companion to the mural in Germantown.

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Portraiture





- Jinying Goa



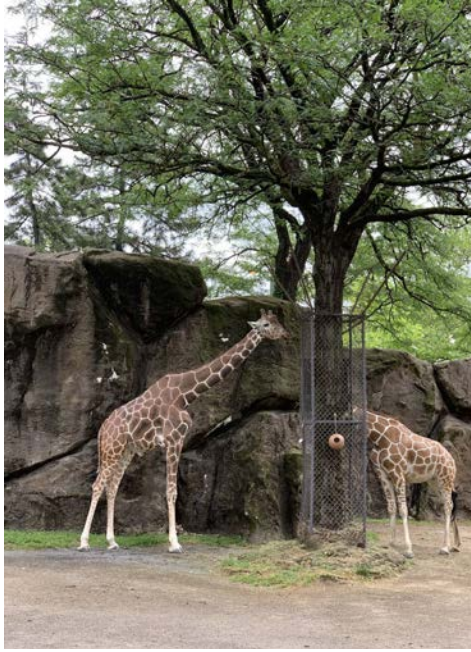
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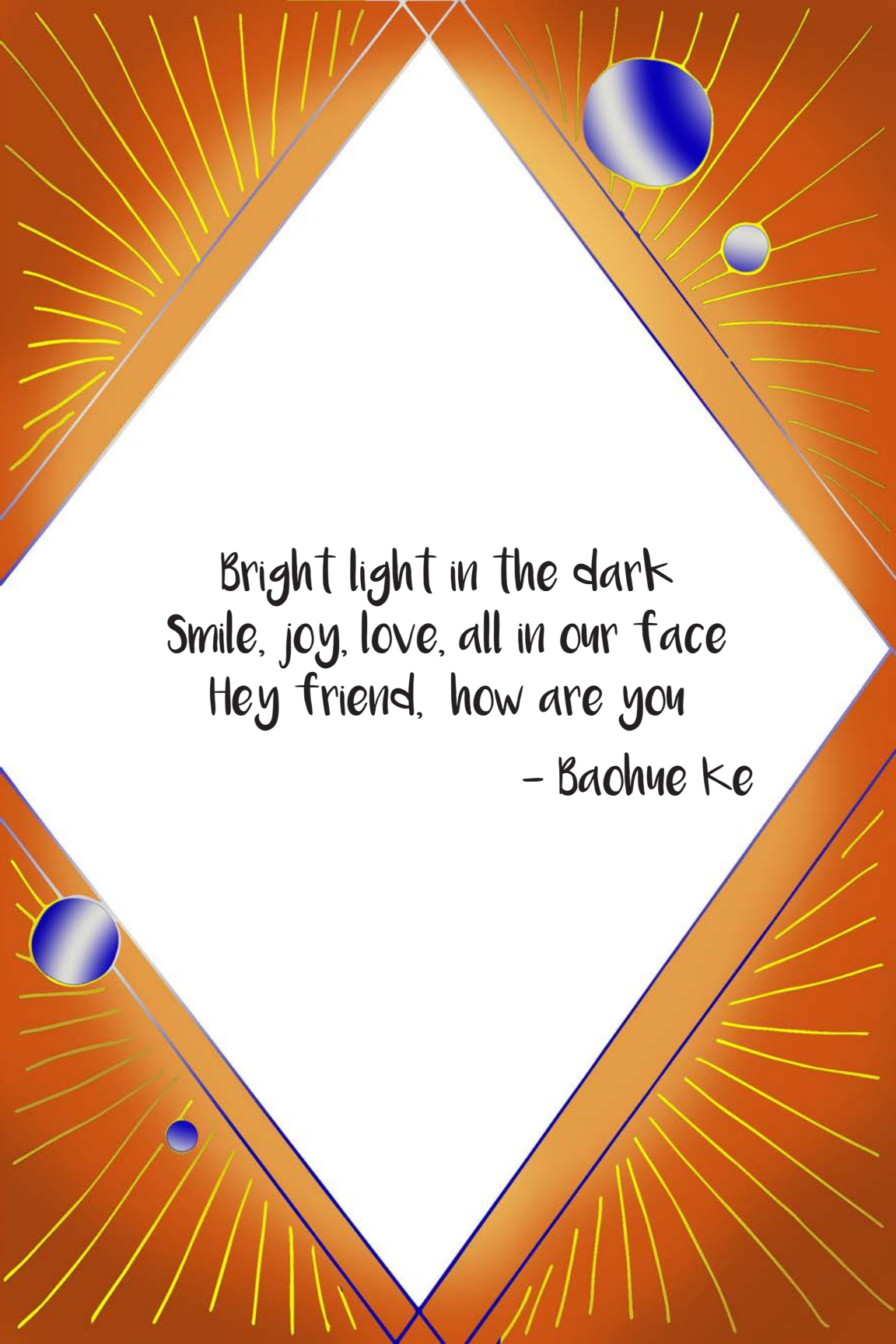


HAPPY!
ENJOY!
LOVE!

LY. BROTHERS. WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE,
EVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY,
EVER IS ADMIRABLE—IF ANYTHING, IT IS EXCELLENT OR
WORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.

HAPPY!
ENJOY!
LOVE!

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The image features a central white diamond shape surrounded by a decorative border. The border is composed of orange and yellow rays emanating from the corners, with blue spheres of varying sizes placed at the intersections of the rays.

Bright light in the dark
Smile, joy, love, all in our face
Hey friend, how are you

- Baohue Ke



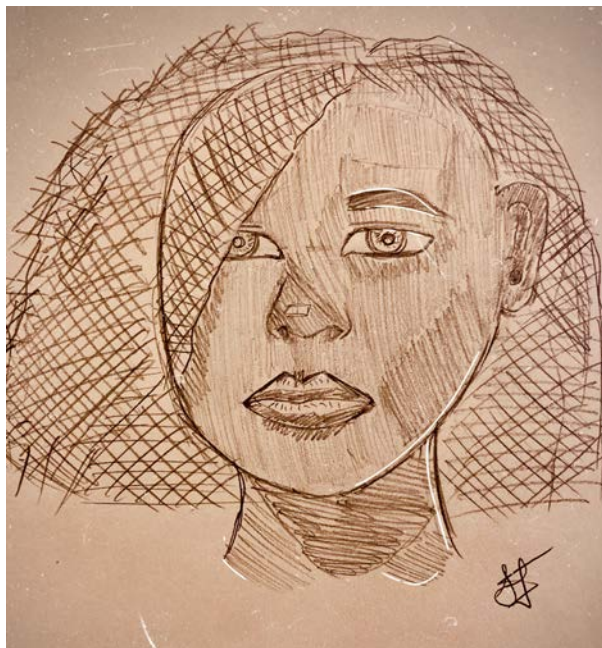
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- Torrian Jones



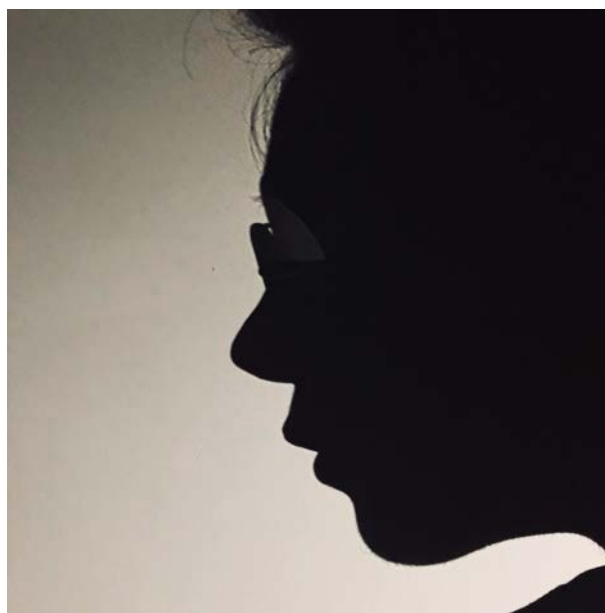
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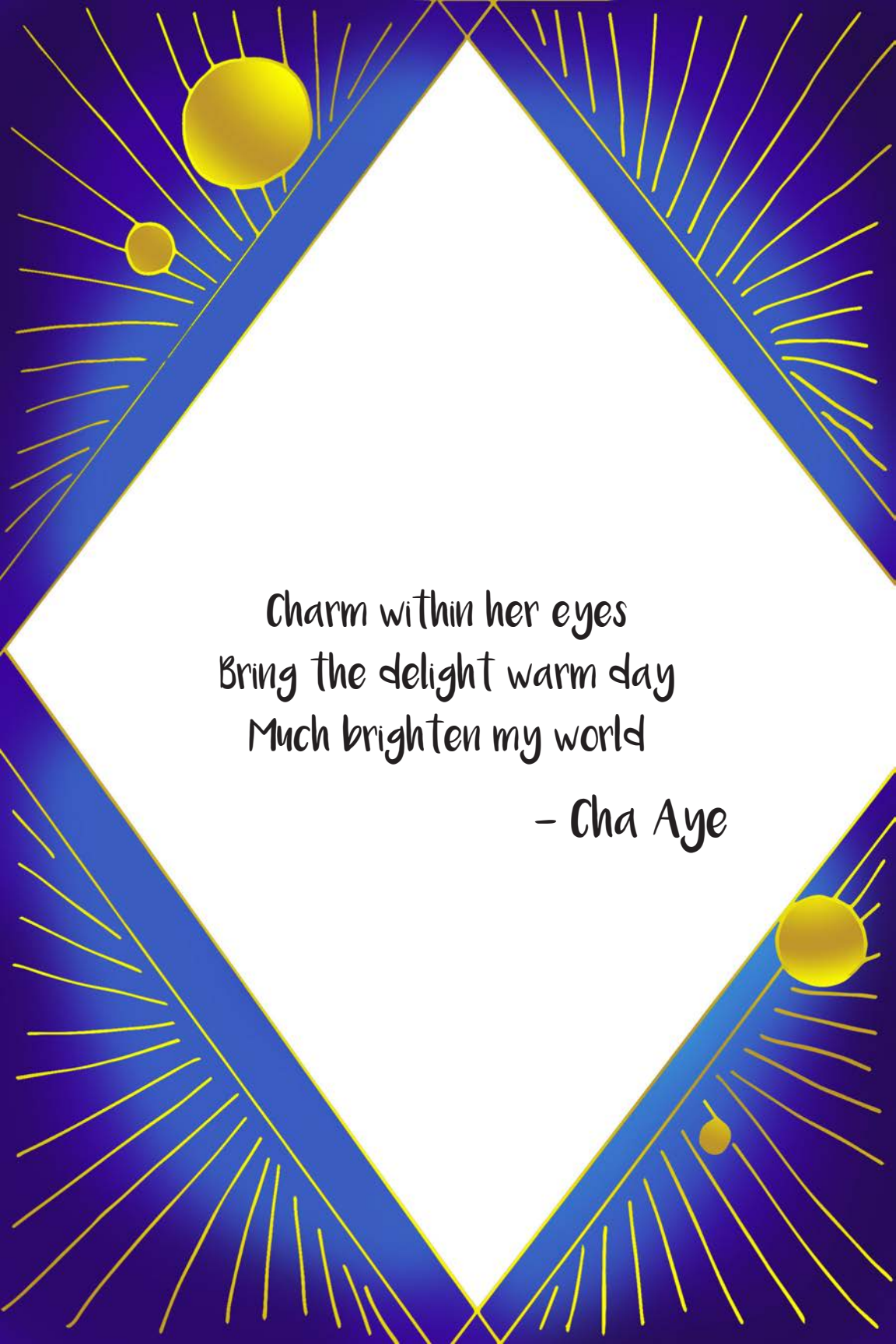
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- Brianna Hill



- Washika Tanha



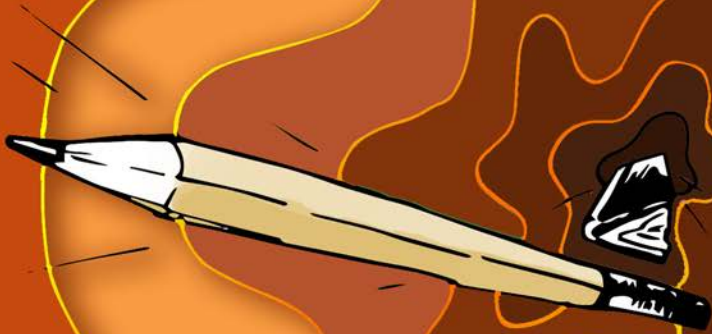
Charm within her eyes
Bring the delight warm day
Much brighten my world

- Cha Aye



Passion Portrait:

Self Portrait





ALL →

COLORS

END

ARE

=

BEAUTIFUL

COLORIS

Signature

Come, come, come
Hello, hello, hello
Ocean of passion
Red, blue, yellow
Were all the same

Fires that are burning up pumping our hopes up
As we collide to break this never ending cycle
Stop colorism we all bleed the same
Set free all the worries we just want peace
In the end of the day were all humans

- Amanda Gozali

Ahu Ahu Ahu

My house.

Come to eat

Watch movies

Blue Blue Blue

Their views on other

Problem

Learning

Respecting other beliefs

Traditional Bangla

Healthcare.

Washika Tanha.





When my Feet touch the floor, and my fingers fold around
each other like rose petals to a stem.

Brown skin entwined the blood of my bones, I made it by
the skin of my teeth.

I wear my body all day long I'm in love with your disapproval.

I am in love with loving though they don't love back, they
close the doors to their hearts so we don't look back.

I look back...But not to open the door, to reflect on the
love.

Love it drives you crazy.

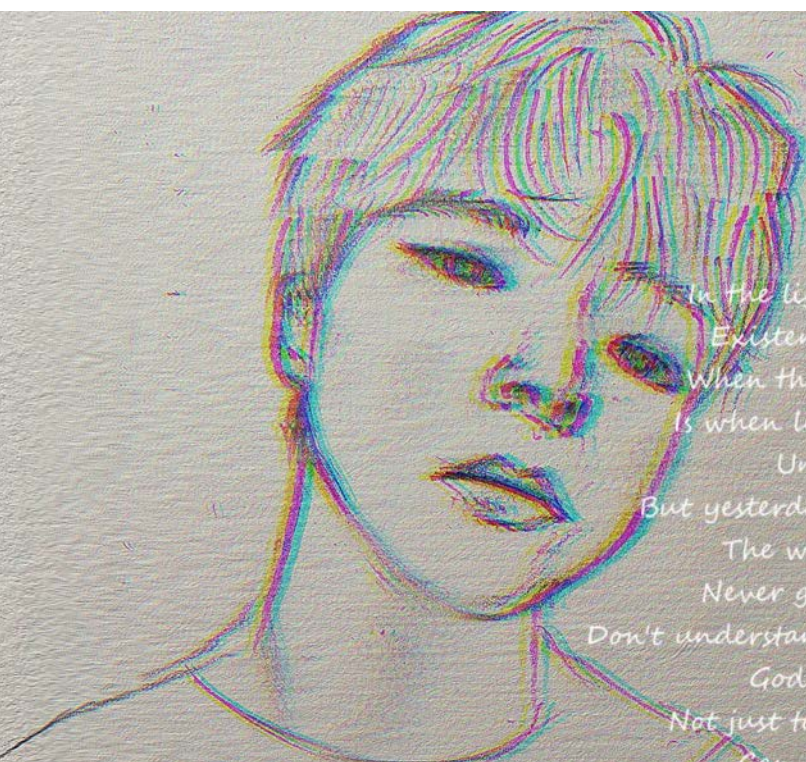
If you're not open to it don't patronize me.

make it believable that you have heart, vast plain of-

make it enough to set us free.

I prop my fingers to write a freedom note.

- Nina Gadson




In the light waves of art
Existence is reasonable
When the fireworks are lit
Is when life begins to bloom
Until the end
But yesterday I was not like this
The world is not bad
Never got a compliment
Don't understand that truth is valuable
God gave me eyes
Not just to show the ugliness
Can be in the dark
Light up a light
Beauty in the corner
Emit a faint light

Unbothered

Yaozhong Chen





Me with my friend
Play together everyday
My friend is my phone

- Zhonghui Zhang





"Hurry up"
Pouring rain, pouring rain, pouring
Downtown
Red, red, red, red, red
Laugh
Everyone needing a fair chance
They make me want to push harder
I care about inequality
Not really
I'm black! So my history showed me the
world needs a little more work
— Brianna Hill



TIME
TO

TAKE ACTION

DON'T

DO!

Were you painting a ghost

Birds singing birds singing birds singing birds

singing birds singing

Mall

Red, red, red, red, red

Painting

Climate change

Against protest against protest against protest

against protest against protest

Global warming

Best friend, best friend, best friend,

best friend, best friend

Nature

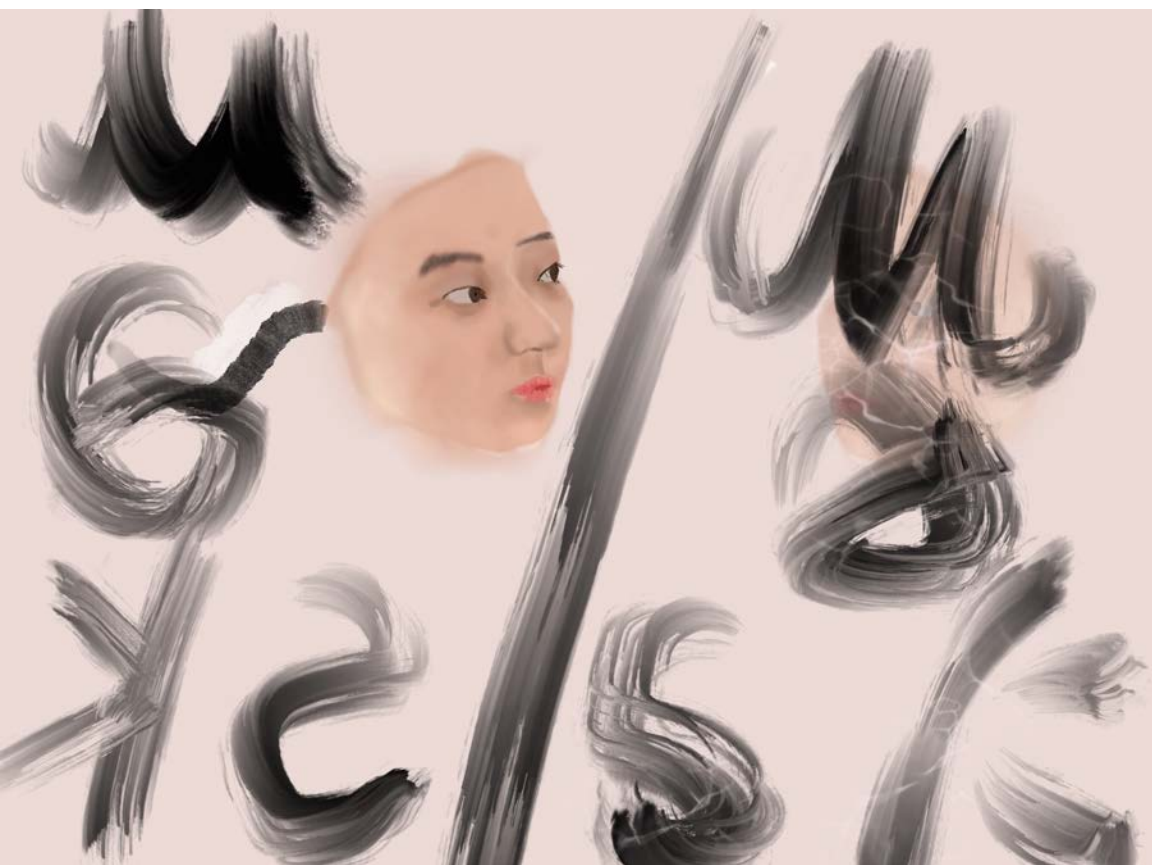
– Cha Aye

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2. Nicki Lin
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Scares

Purple, purple, purple, purple, purple

Shenyang

Sing my favorite song

Melody, melody, melody

I'm passionate about music, art, sky, moon, my
idols

mom annoys me, be patient

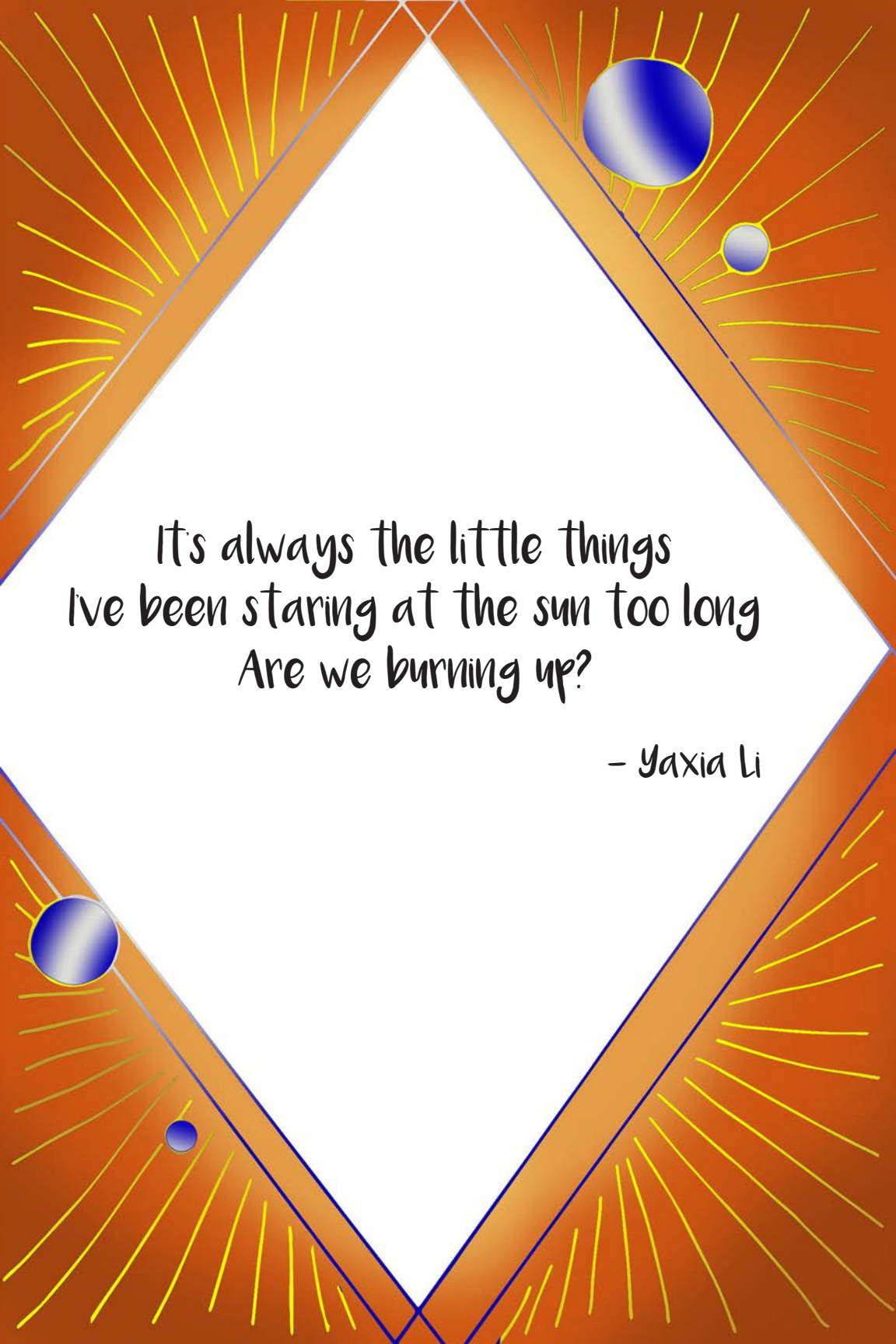
Online news

My uncle keeps in justice everytime
chinese thousands of history makes me learn
traditional things

- Yuqing Pei



Yaxia



It's always the little things
I've been staring at the sun too long
Are we burning up?

– Yaxia Li



Ha ha ha
blue blue blue blue blue
Is that the reflection of sky or the Reed
Flute Caves lights ?
she comes to embrace me
to make me stronger, to ignite my fire
I can not see the truth
Is there a light shine on me?
where is my fire? Does it still care about
people?
What am I doing? writing this poem?
I am that fire

- Yao Jiang



Make me laugh hahaha

Bling, Bling, Bling

My home...

Blue, blue, blue, blue, blue

Playing

My competitive games

Childs relationship can add more passion for
parents

Older adults protest for social justice

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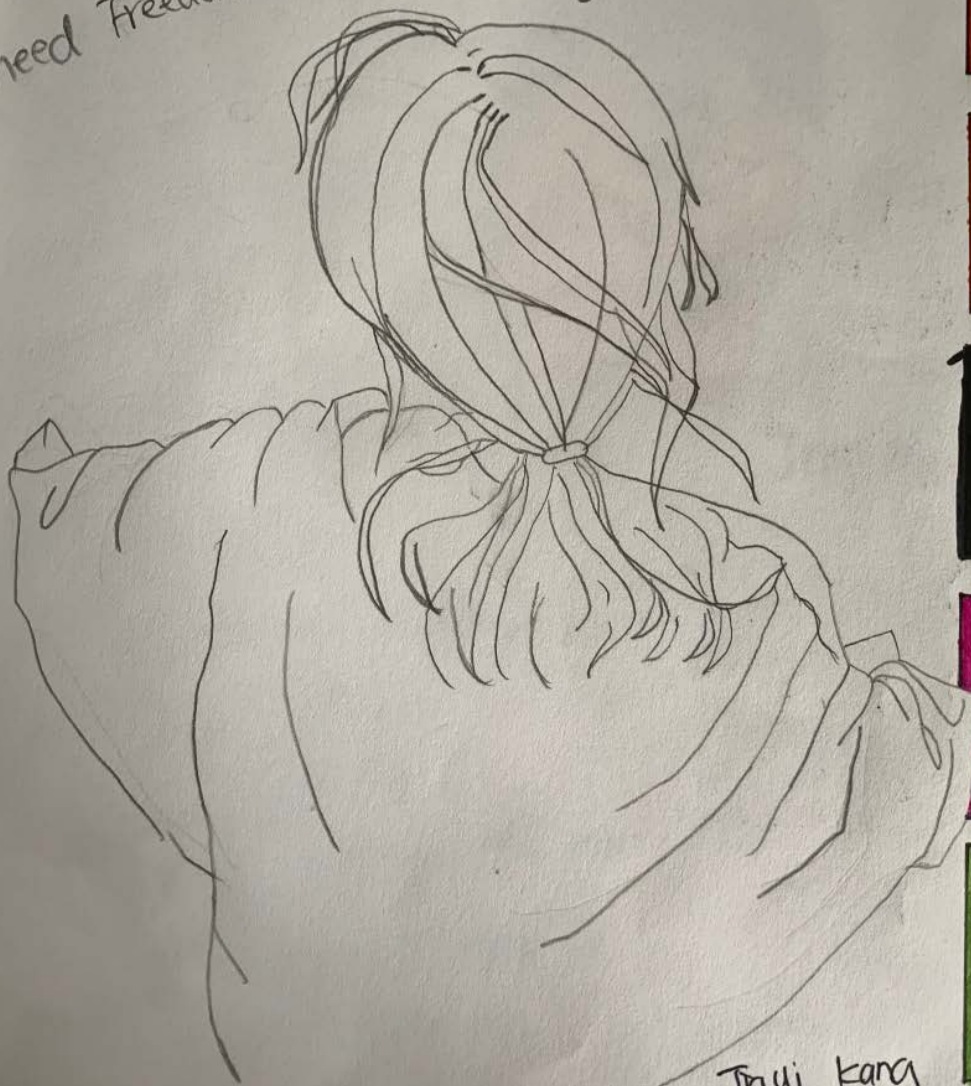
My history brings the experience of looking
forward to future

- Zhonghui Zhang

We missing a "n" that means

I
need Freedom!

↓ me!



Jayli Kang

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R
E
E
D
O

Freedom will not come
Today this year
Not ever
Though compromise and fear
I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land
I want my freedom

- Jiayi Kang

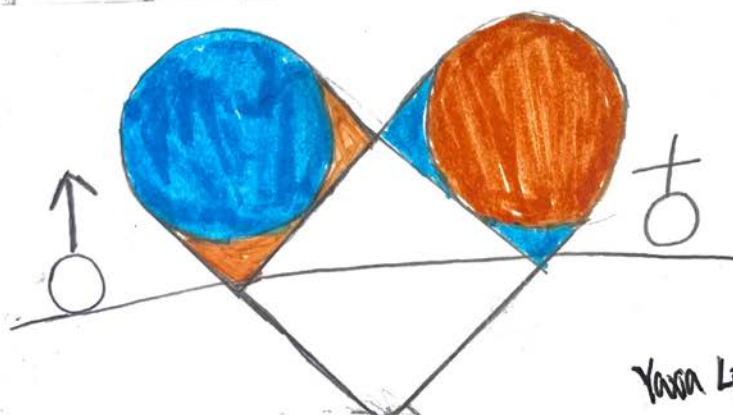


Amazingly fresh
Brightly colourful to you
Surprisingly New

– Tahje Cooper Legget



Gender Equality



Yasra Li

I say we are girls
We mean our pay should based on strive
Not the ponytail make a half price
To many shapes of women bodies
Free to make decision
Married or don't marry
Skirts or T-shirt
Xs to XXL
I still believe in the possibility of equality
a world where there is no apathy
And happiness isn't in darkness.

– Yaxia Li



Say

No



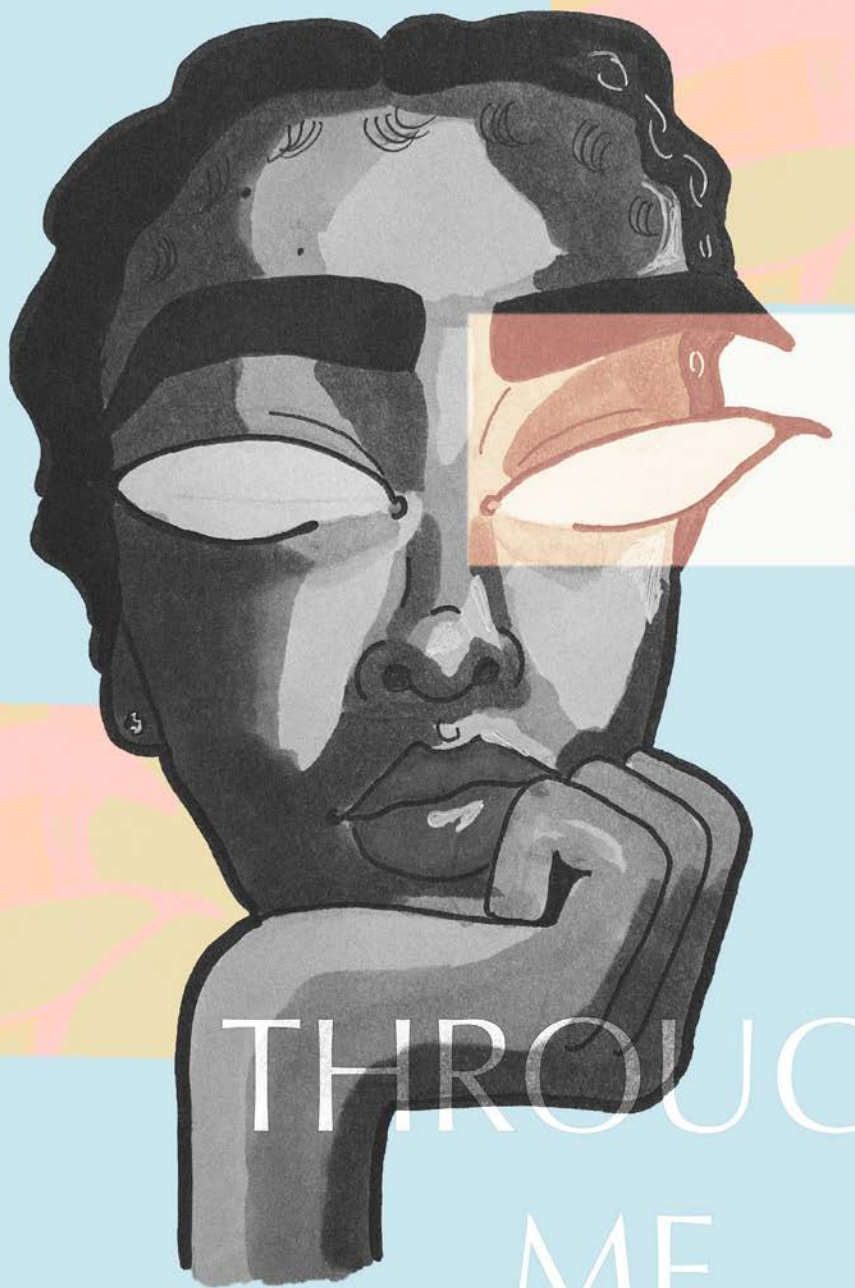
To
Plastic



Where am I
Stand under the sun
Embarce with the wind
Run in the field
This is my home
where keeps my laughter of play
where keeps my tear of hurt
where keeps my secret of growth
I climb up the highest mountain
Like a free bird wing spread
Enjoy every green
Home gives
Enjoy every footprint
I leave

– Jinying Gao

NILE SHAREEF-TRUDEAU



THROUGH
ME



WEIRD huh?,
THE Sky Looks
Back at me,
more WONDER
THAN Curiosity,
SURPRISE!!!
The Clouds
yell, AS IF
They WERE
ME, my
EMBODIMENT
not
SOUL,
I
LIKE HOW
in my
Mind, in my Mind
The Clouds,
CLOUD
TALK BACK

Lead Teaching Artist
Sarah Kolker



What am I? Chopped Liver?

Wha? wha? wha?

Jamacia west indies

Green, green, green, green, green

Go hiking with the family

Community support

raised in community

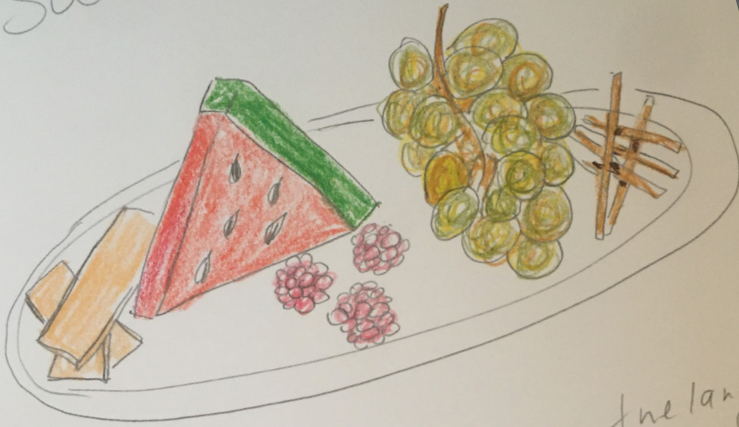
Just and fair treatment

My fathers a rasta

Culturaly jewish

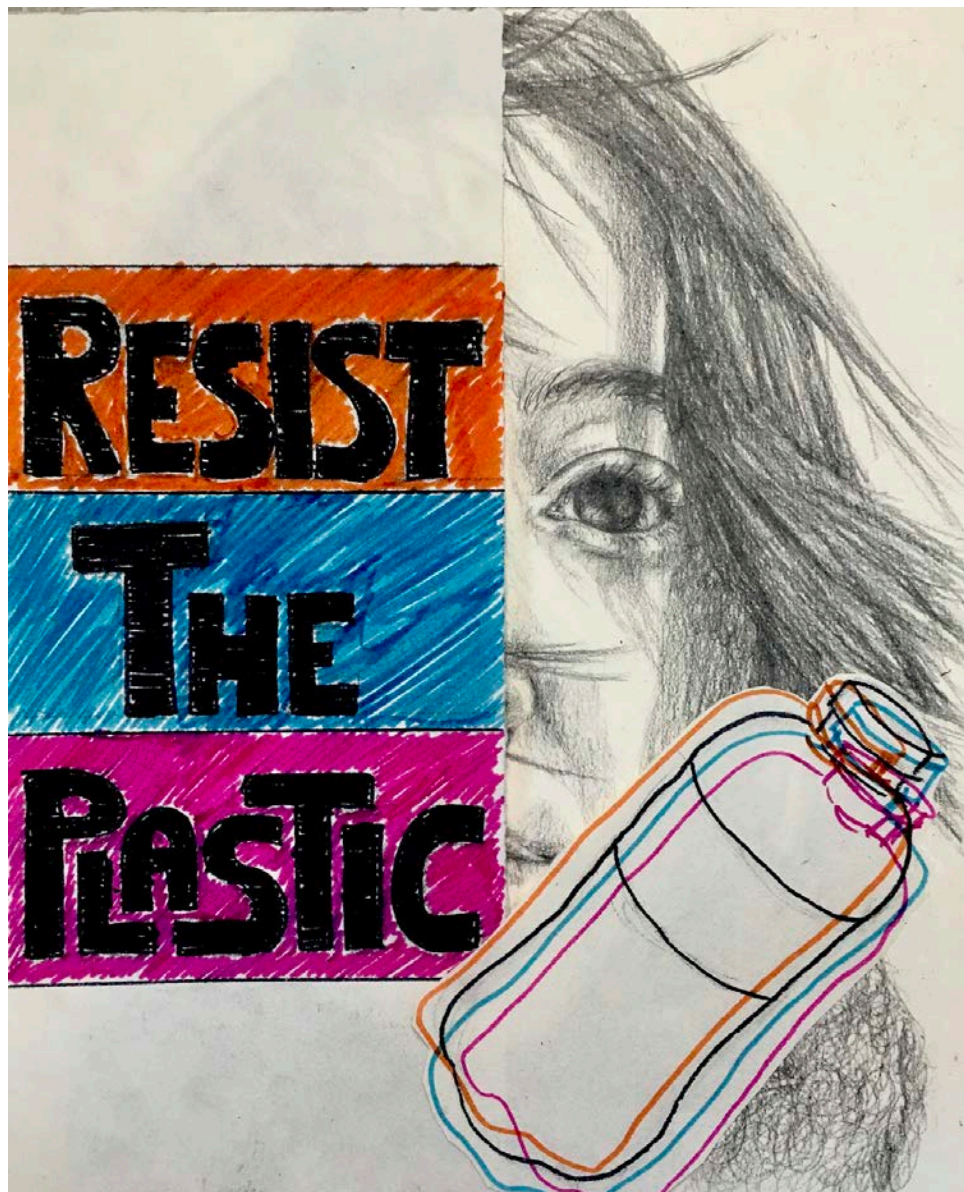
- Sarah Kolker

Summer snack



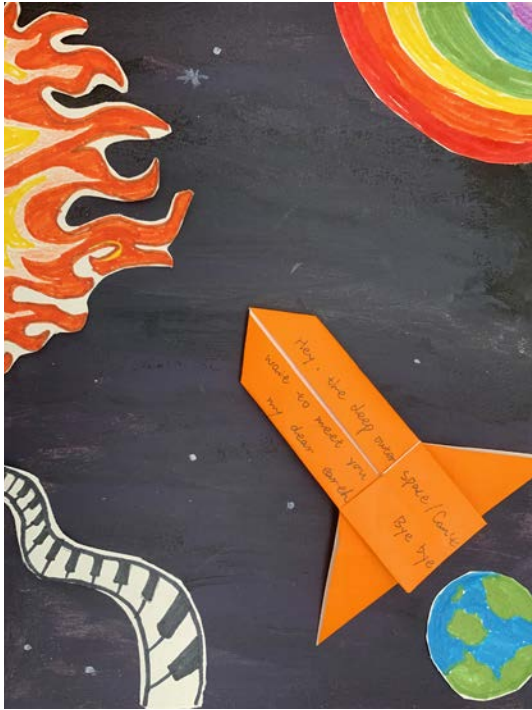
Fruit fresh from the land
vegan. cheese and gluten free
pretzels are yummy

Assistant Teaching Artist
Carolina Gomez

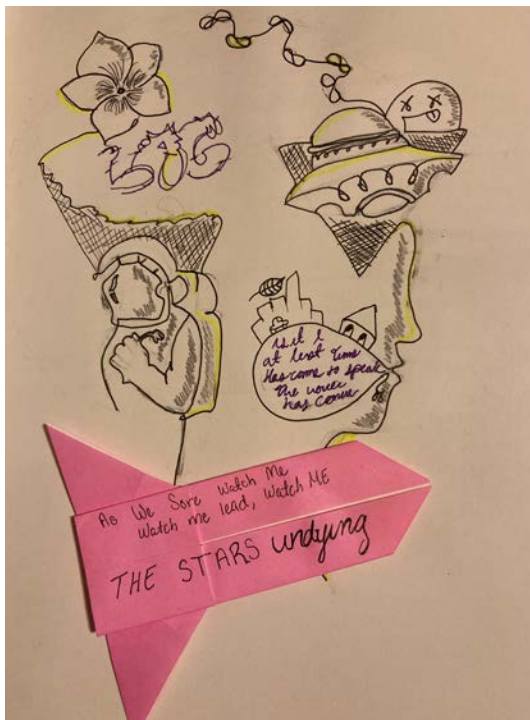


The background is a complex geometric pattern composed of various-sized triangles and polygons. The colors are primarily shades of blue and purple, ranging from light lavender to deep indigo. A prominent dark blue horizontal band runs across the upper middle of the image, serving as a backdrop for the text. The overall style is modern and abstract, reminiscent of a stained-glass window or a digital mosaic.

Futurism



- baohue ke



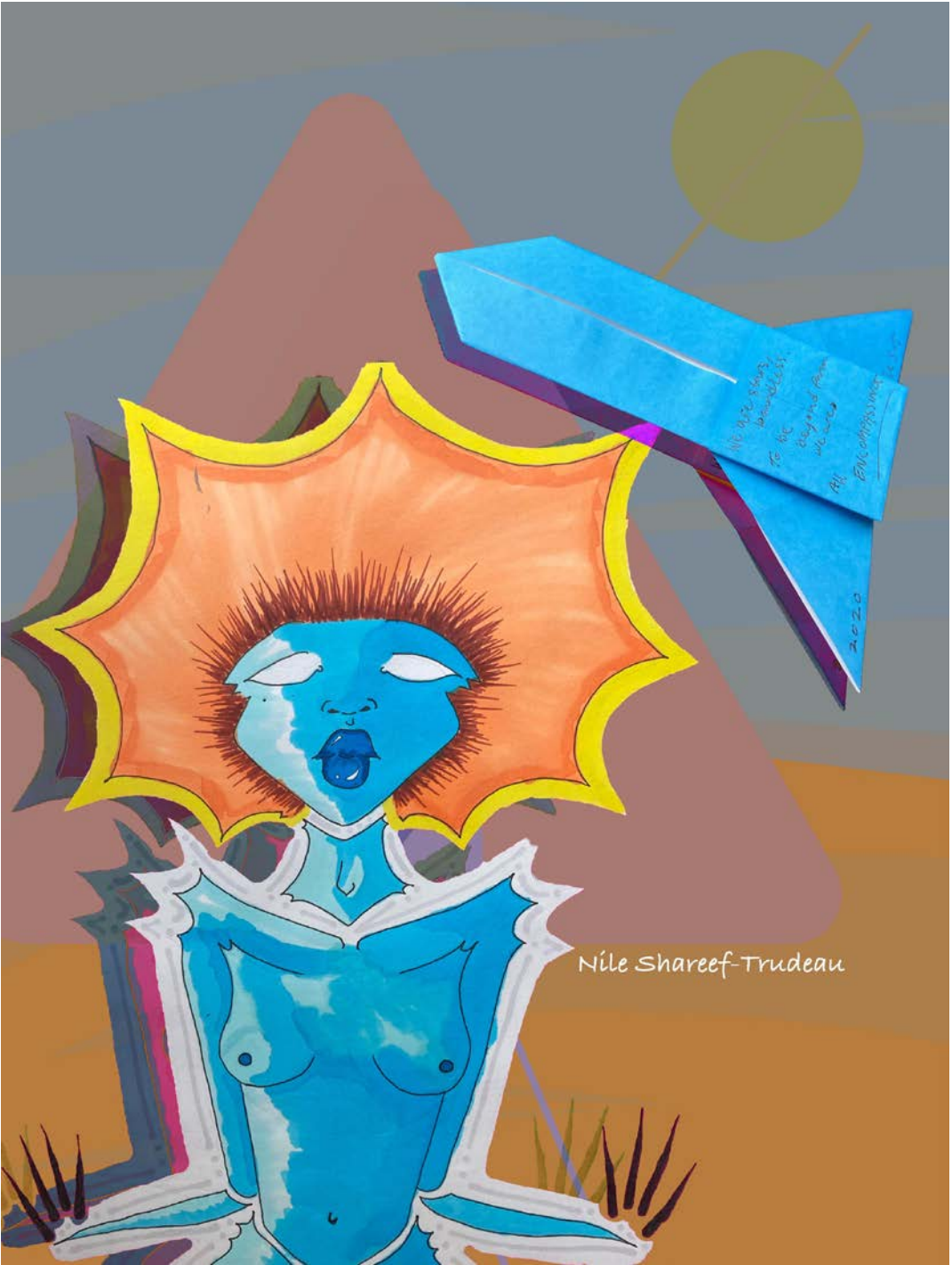
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- tahje COOPER legget



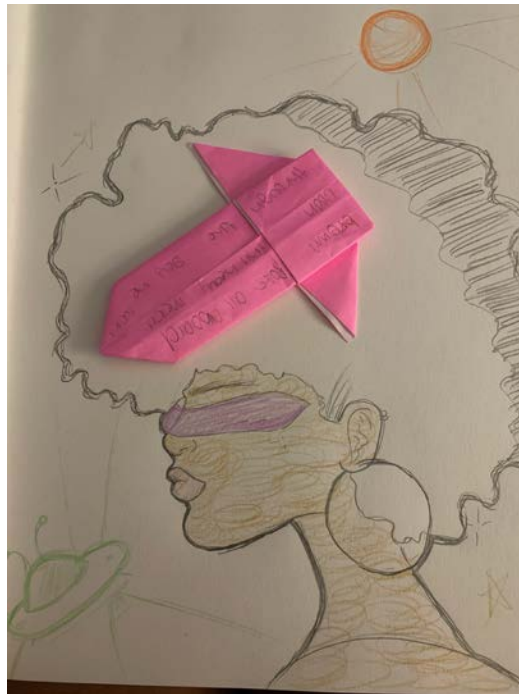
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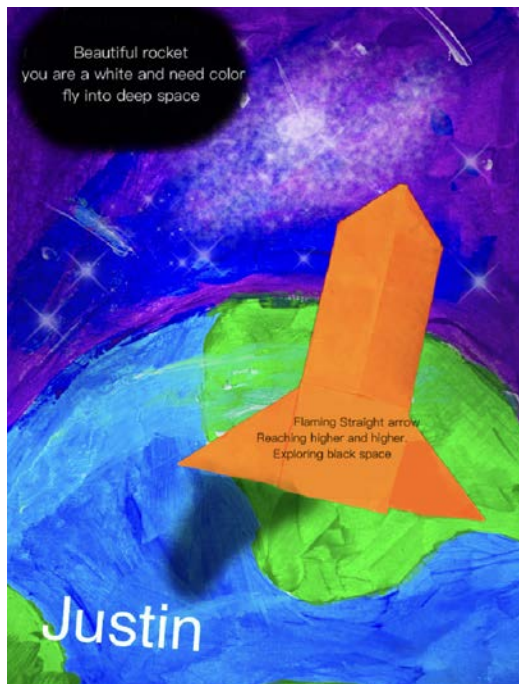
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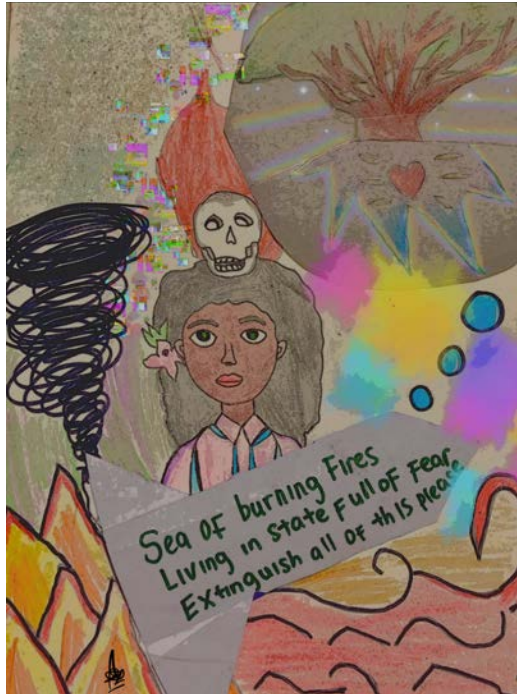
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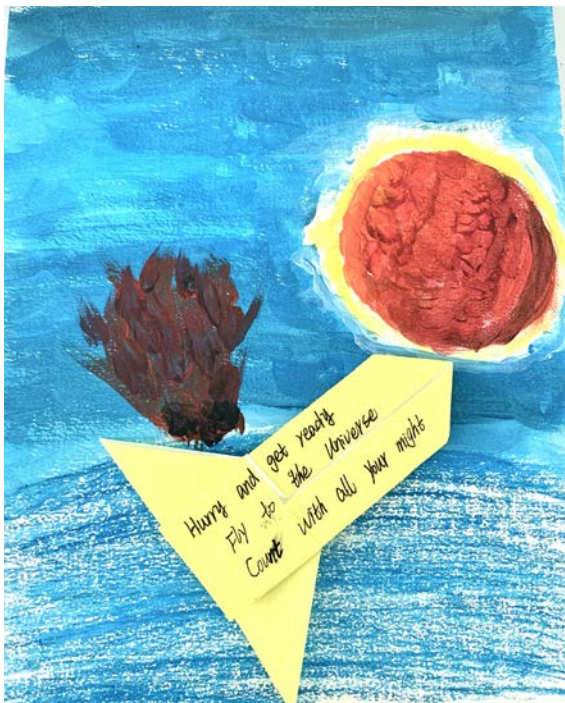
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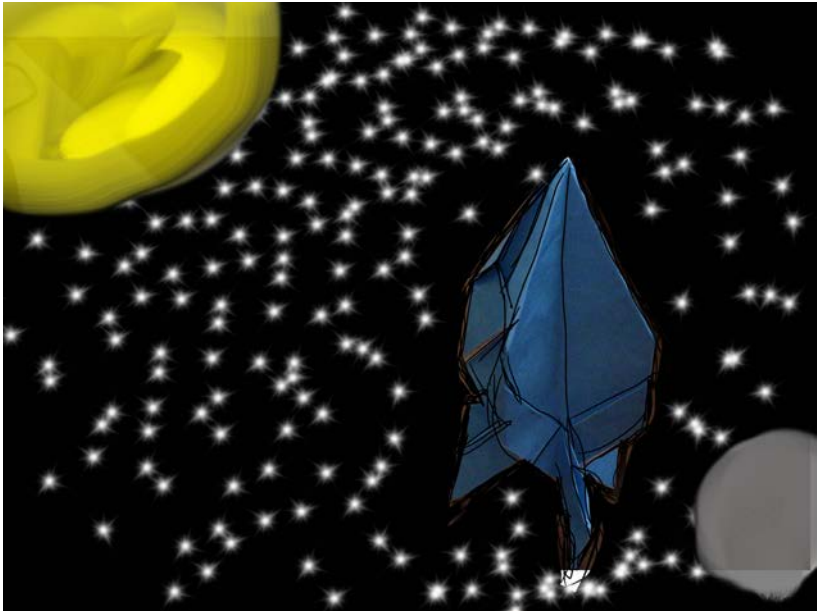
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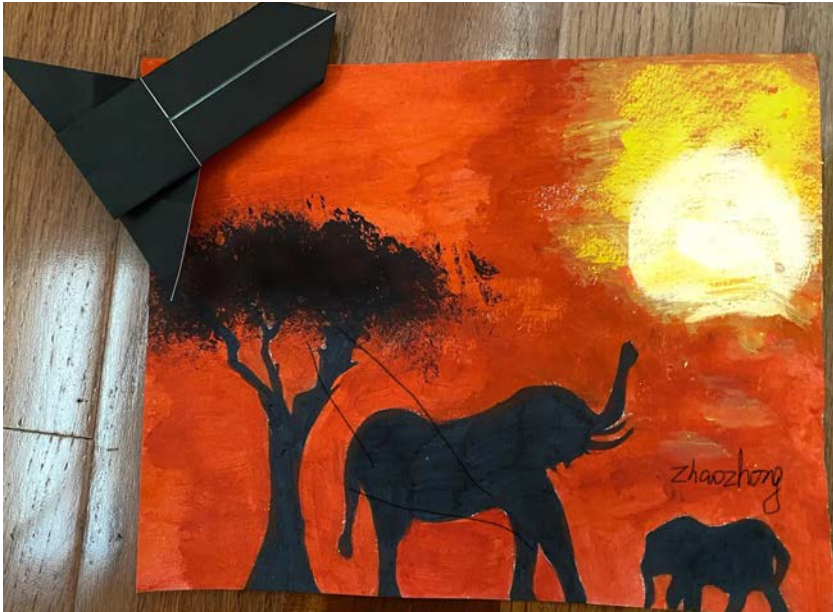
- amanda gozali



- yaxia li

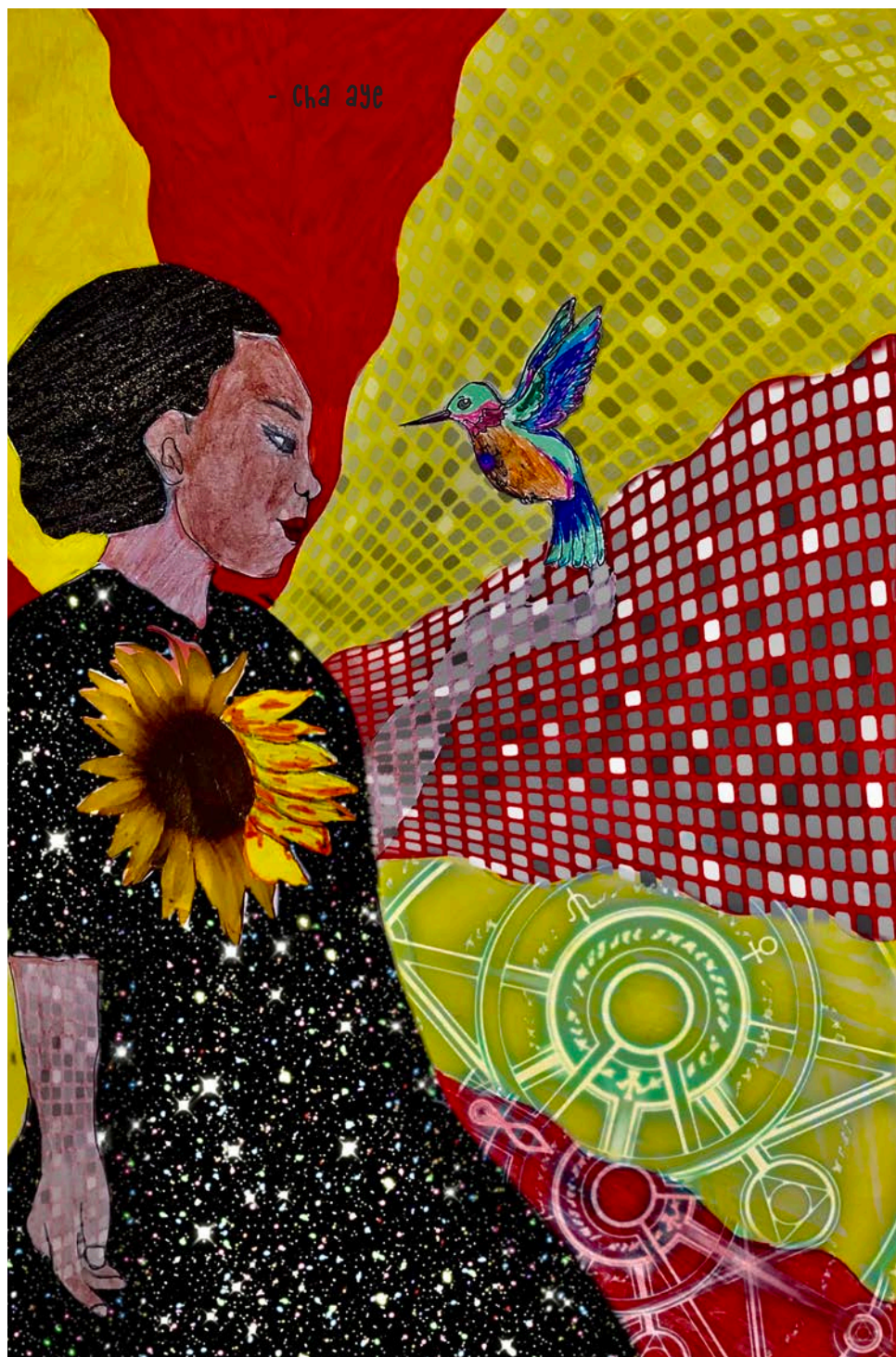


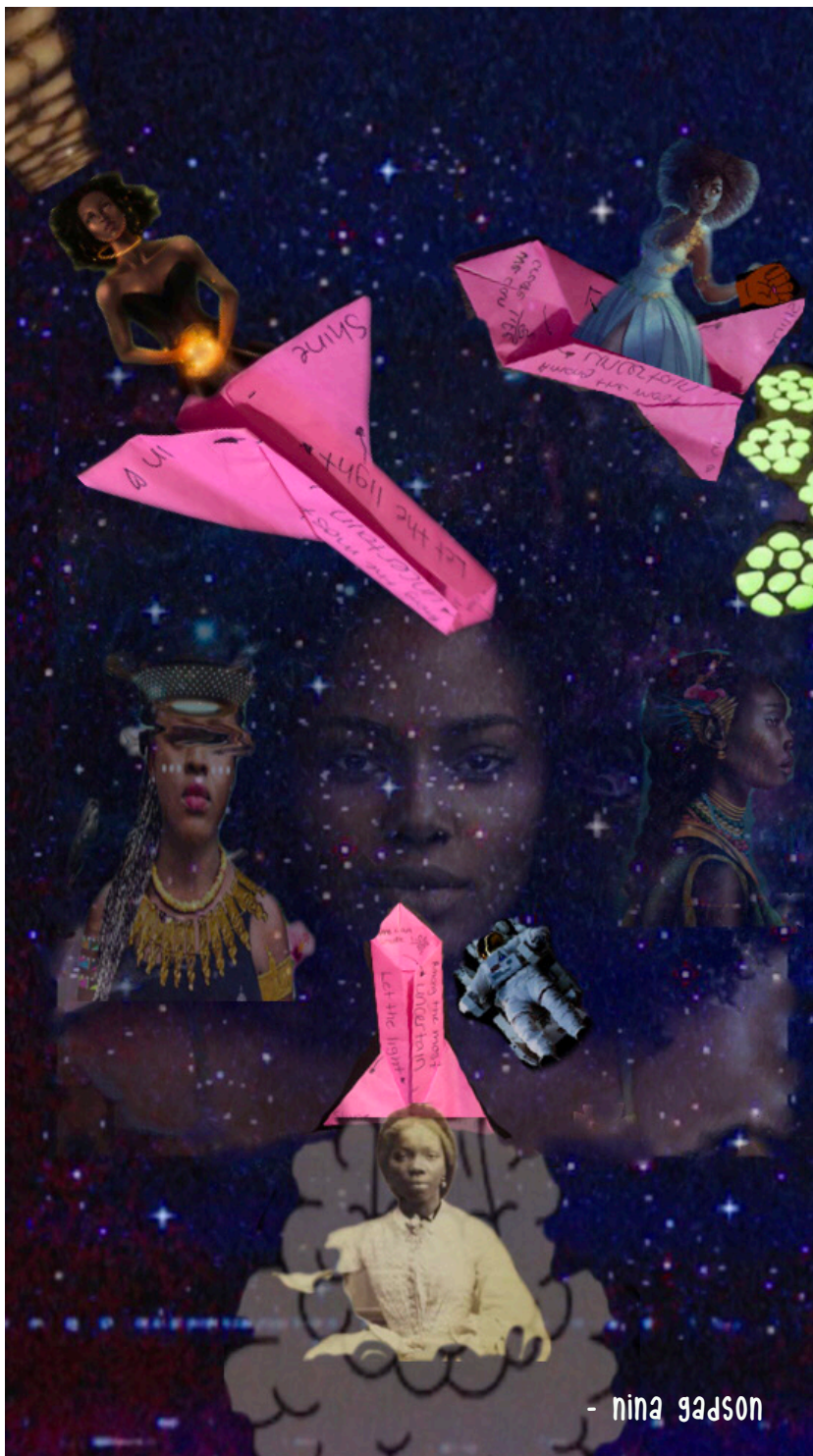
- Vicki lin



- Zhaozhong Chen

- ch2 2ye





- nina gadsdon



- torrian jones



- jiayi kang



The image is a vertical composition. The top half shows a metallic, cratered sphere, possibly a planet or moon, against a bright blue sky with wispy clouds. A thin, bright white line of light separates the sphere from the bottom half. The bottom half features a black and white geometric pattern of interlocking triangles. A pink origami structure, resembling a stylized letter 'A' or a small house, is placed on this pattern. The structure has handwritten text on its sides.

- jinying 920

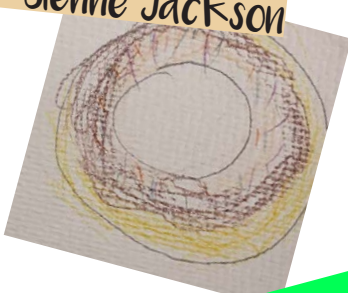
Wonders of Space Sparkling
in The Darkness Let's Break Through Gravity



Potatoes are fat.
it makes people healthy and fat
still its the taste!
- Washika tanha



Dripping Down it
Cheese like string yummy
Grilled, steamy, oh!
- Sienna Jackson



Chewy and crispy
A round slices of pepperoni
I want to eat it
Yaxia Li

a cute circle bread
coverd sweet chocolate
died cady son
- yuqing Pei





red and yellow, bright
When i taste it tingles, the
other i savior

- brianna hill

Hot and boiling sun
People putting sublock on
Ice creams and Ice blocks
- Zhaozhong Chen

red, white, blue cold heat
my ivory sweet summer treat i
love nice water ice

- tahje cooper leggett



The heavenly taste
Unforgettable flavor
Cucumbers flavor

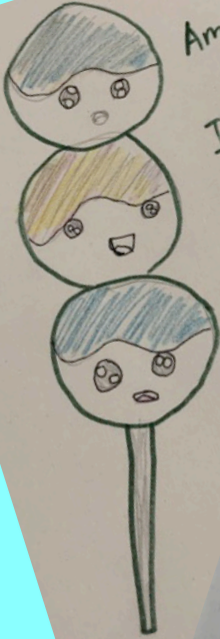
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Amazing Meatballs

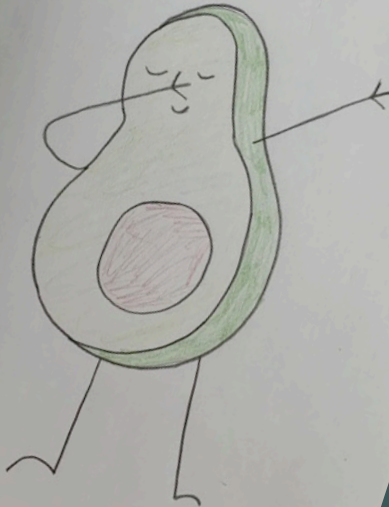
Impeccable Flavoring

Cheap to eat and find



A

Green within round brown
seed.
in love with her everyday,
looking pregnant yet
shining.



Chlo

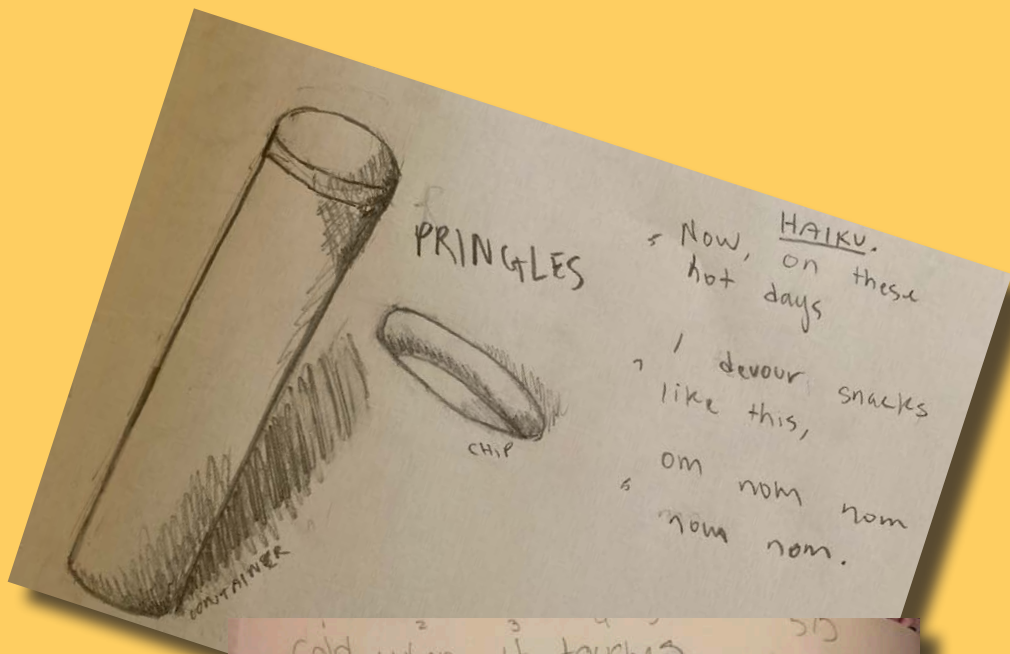


Sweet caramel
wrap in every popcorn
sweet summer time

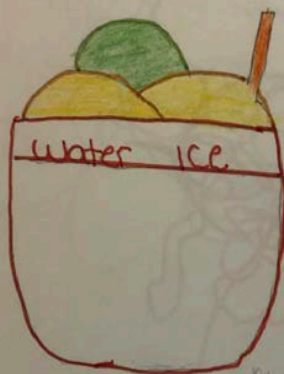
Haiku

a bowl of ice cream
scoop a mouthful at
a time
and cold snap ends
thawed





1 Cold when it touches.
2 numb when you hold it for long.
3 slows sweat in contact.



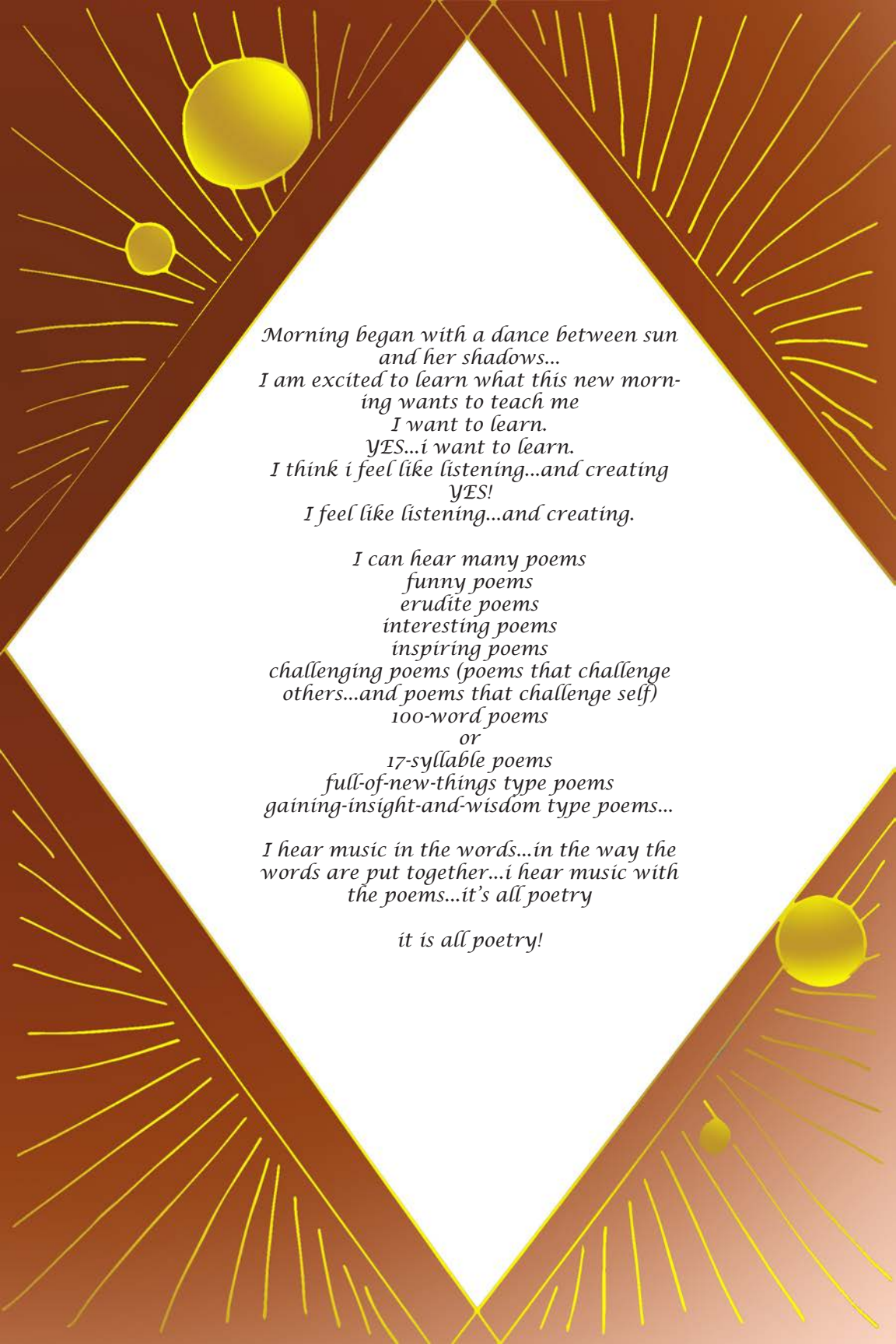
Fresh fruit ice cream yummy
Let's take a photo one two three
Oh no, it is melting



~~fresh fruit~~

Summer hot
Eating Cold watermelon
Cola with noodles



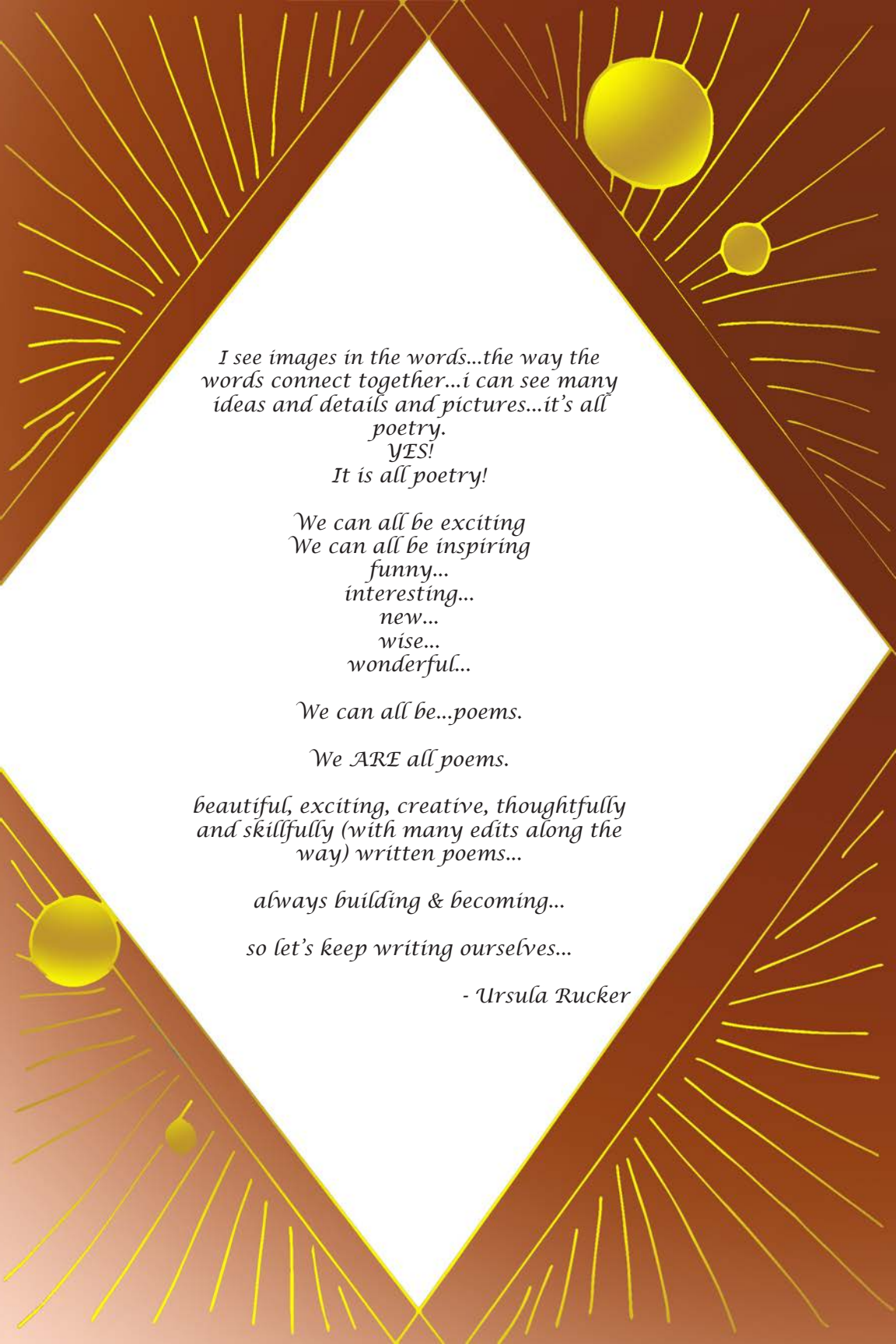


*Morning began with a dance between sun
and her shadows...
I am excited to learn what this new morn-
ing wants to teach me
I want to learn.
YES...i want to learn.
I think i feel like listening...and creating
YES!
I feel like listening...and creating.*

*I can hear many poems
funny poems
erudite poems
interesting poems
inspiring poems
challenging poems (poems that challenge
others...and poems that challenge self)
100-word poems
or
17-syllable poems
full-of-new-things type poems
gaining-insight-and-wisdom type poems...*

*I hear music in the words...in the way the
words are put together...i hear music with
the poems...it's all poetry*

it is all poetry!



*I see images in the words...the way the
words connect together...i can see many
ideas and details and pictures...it's all
poetry.*

*YES!
It is all poetry!*

*We can all be exciting
We can all be inspiring
funny...
interesting...
new...
wise...
wonderful...*

We can all be...poems.

We ARE all poems.

*beautiful, exciting, creative, thoughtfully
and skillfully (with many edits along the
way) written poems...*

always building & becoming...

so let's keep writing ourselves...

- Ursula Rucker



*"You have to find your own identity and you have
to rely on your own strength to rise above all the
nonsense."*

- Eartha Kitt