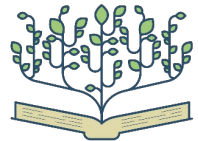
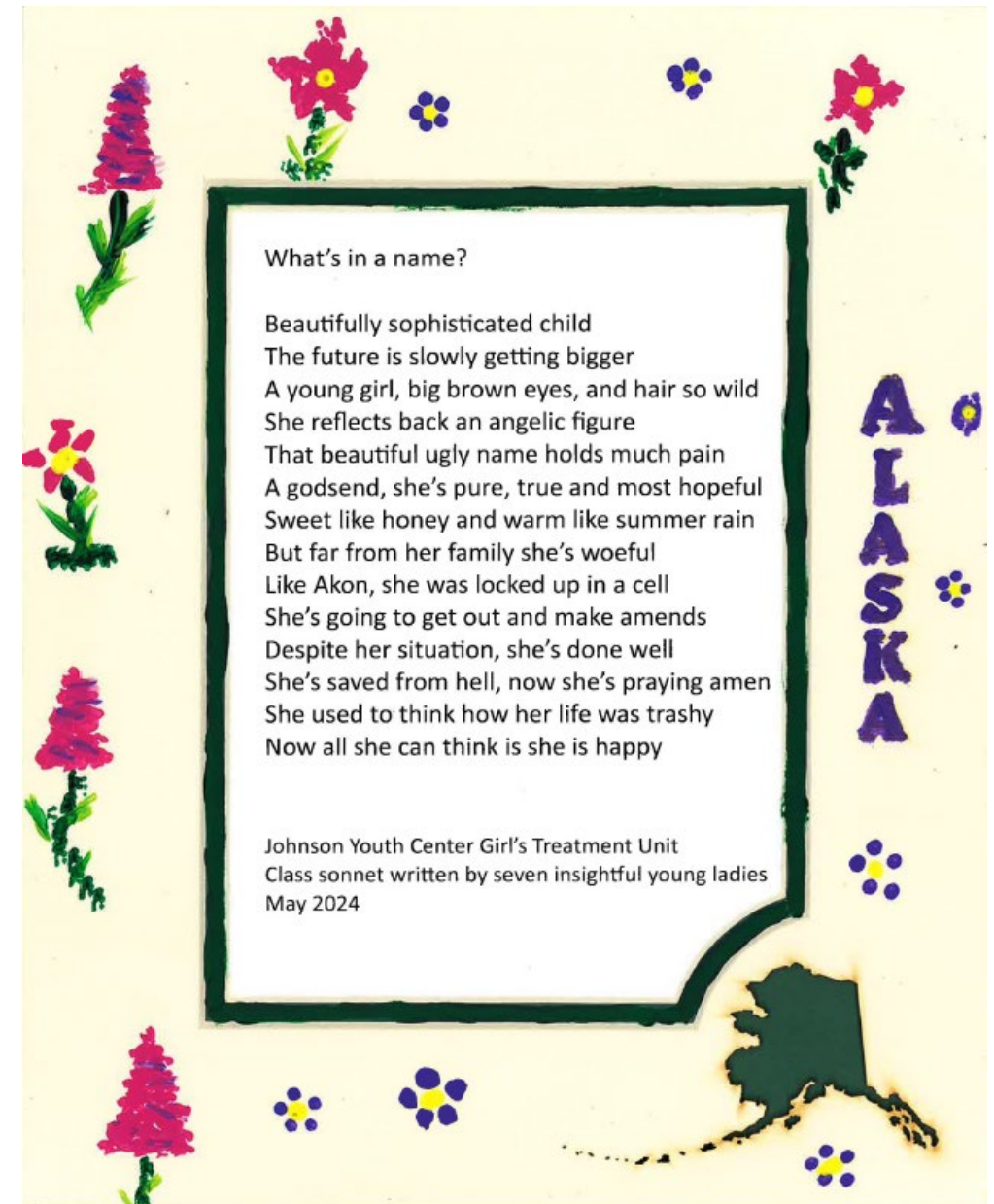


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Farmington Bay Youth Center, Utah



Stevenson House Detention Center, Delaware

Basketball is my life, you lose you pay the price.

Stanza 1

Opposing Teams- Let the plays in!
you may oppose me but that motivates me
to WIN! Opposing Teams may look like my
enemy. However opposing Teams will be a part of
my victory. That's why I love basketball.

Stanza 2 Basketball releases the stress that
I feel. Basketball allows me to believe
in me. In basketball, you have to have
your mind right. That's the reason I have
to keep sight. Keeping sight of the dream.
Am working to win this game! The game of
depression in my mind. I have to fight you daily
but my thoughts will stay in line.

Stanza 3 Basketball allows me to be a team
player. Basketball builds up a positive
dream in me to keep my mind free.
Basketball is THERAPY for me!
Basketball allows me to dream and be free.
Basketball and ME!

Metal Doors & Court Dates

Metal Doors & court Dates is where i am

The Worst about it is that i am locked
UP Beyond bars when i want to be
Free

I'm standing tall maxing out like a
tall tree

its one way in and one way out if you
have a key

Mental Doors don't define who I am.

mental Doors can't block my success to
stand.

mental Doors don't determine my future
today.

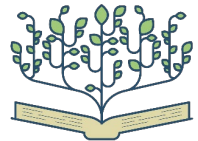
Mental Doors only define my past to stand.

mental Doors taught me to believe in me.

mental Doors will not block me to be free.



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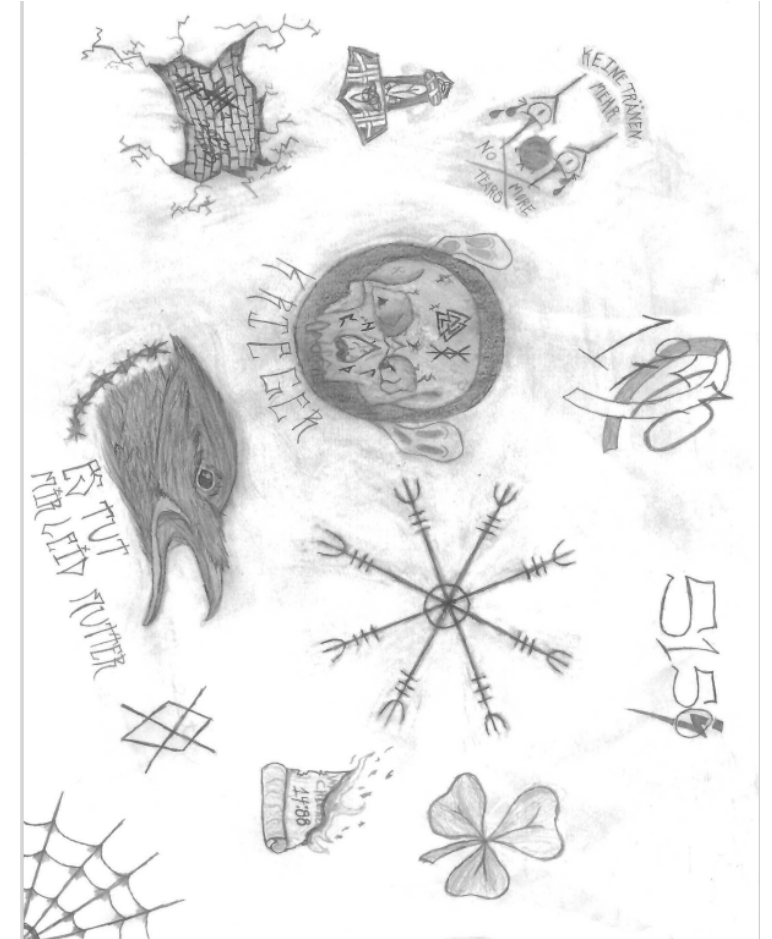
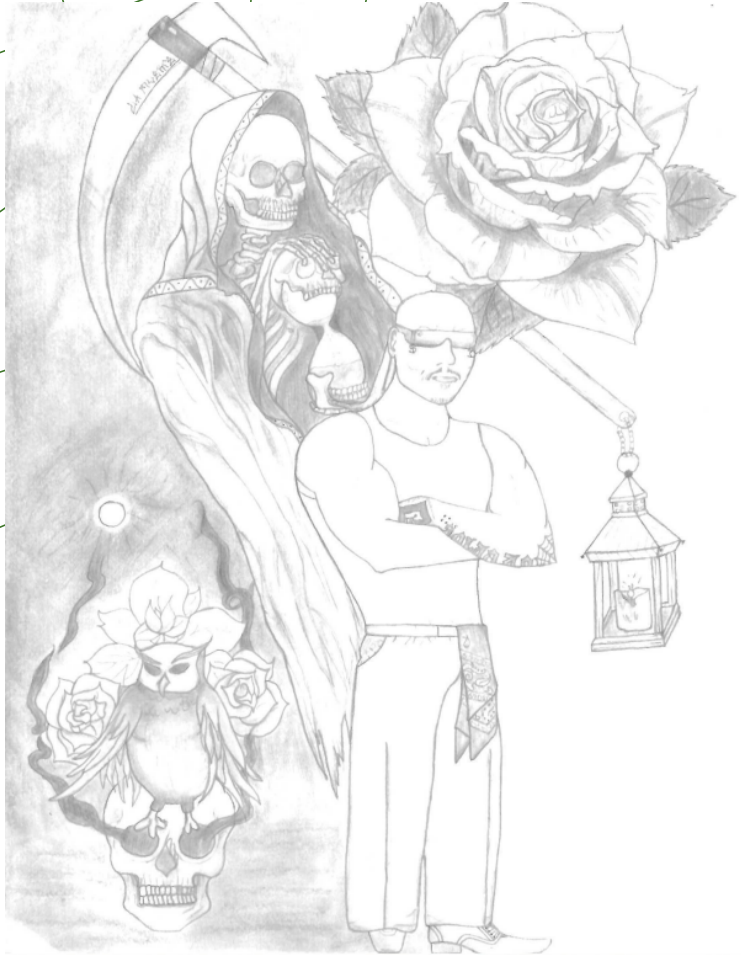
Poverty Problems

I Wake up in Poverty where life is hard
Little Kids looking up to me to set the bar
I Know i got to set it as high as Stars
I Can really make it happen if i play my Part
Graduating high school is where i Start
detention center teachers always say im smart
its not to much to prove just check the chart
I Know that i can make it i feel it in my heart
I got to make it out of poverty buy a house and car
Told my mom that im gon make it far I grew up
around some violence it done left me scarred

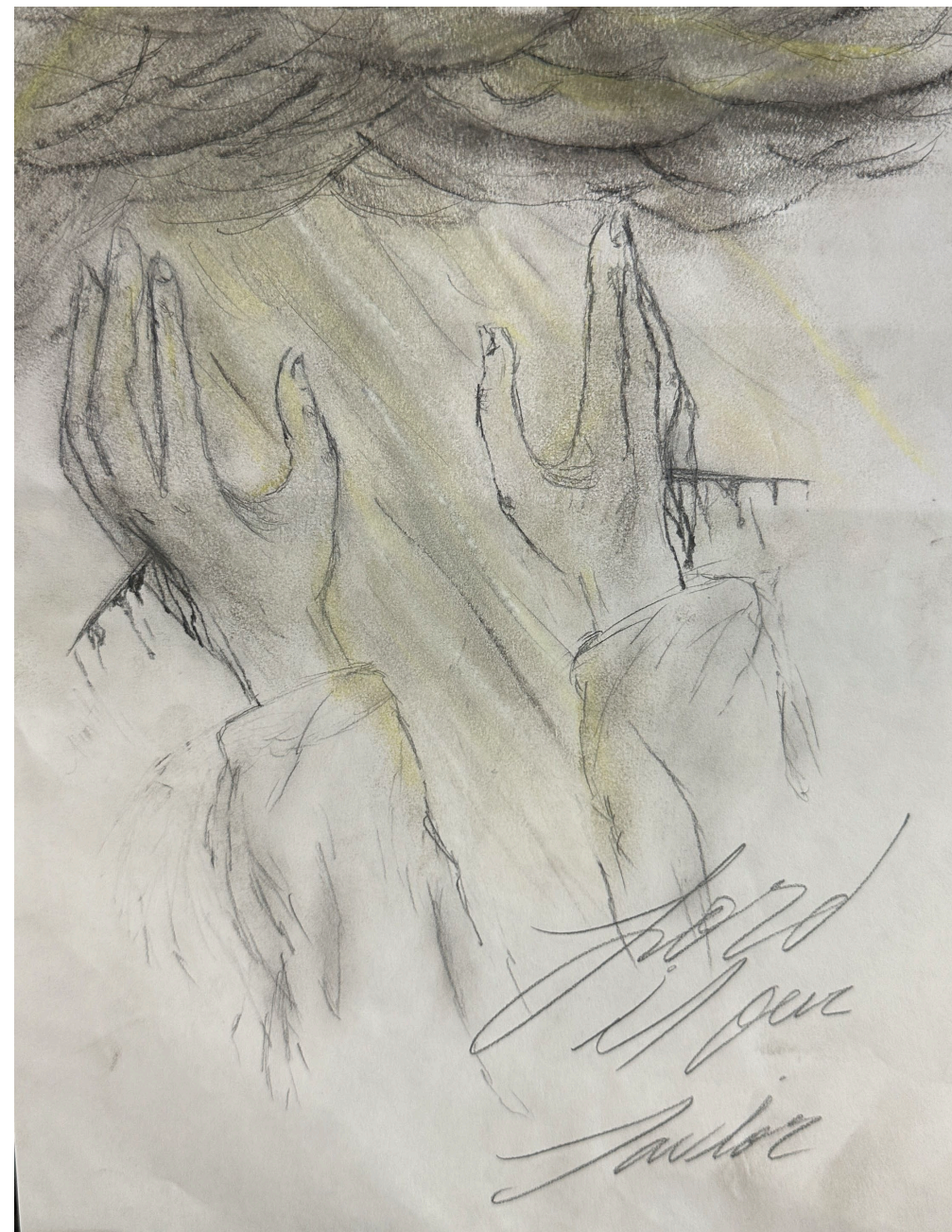
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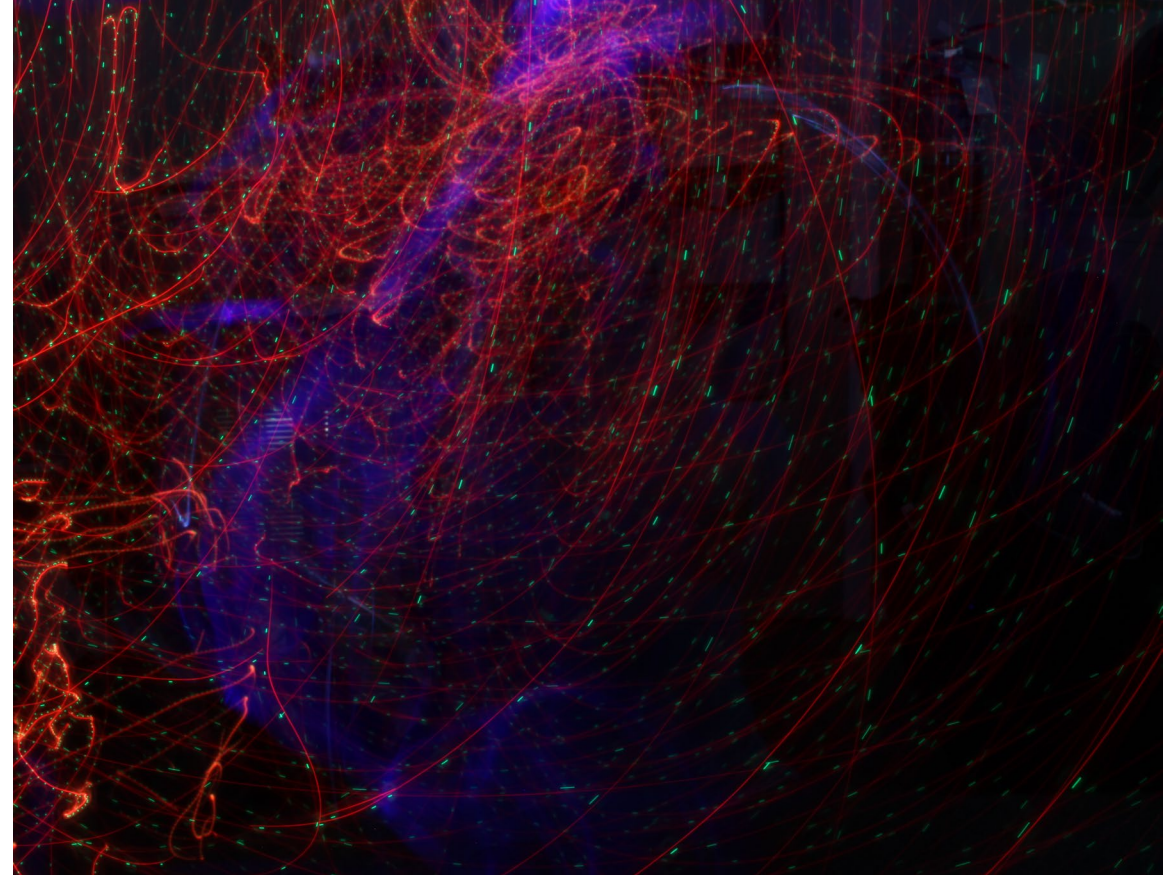
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The Evil Eyes

*The meanings of the evil eyes
Of colors orange, pink, and red
All I've heard are lies
Like my mom's said*

*Orange means commitment and happiness
Sometimes pink comes in and I sink
Sometimes all I feel is sadness
And I can't seem to blink*

*Courage and enthusiasm are the meanings of red
I do things that make me calm
And sometimes I can't get out of my head
Like reading my palm*

*Another color is pink
The meanings are calm and protect
It might not be what you think
I want to change the subject*



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These Eyes

These are the eyes of girls who struggle like anyone else in the world

These are the eyes of girls who were judged and criticized

These are the eyes of girls who were called "delinquents"

These are the eyes of girls who were abused and used

These are the eyes of girls who have persevered who grew up too fast

These are the eyes of girls who were manipulated

These are the eyes of girls who have been through hell and back

These are the eyes of survivors

These are the eyes of beautiful people

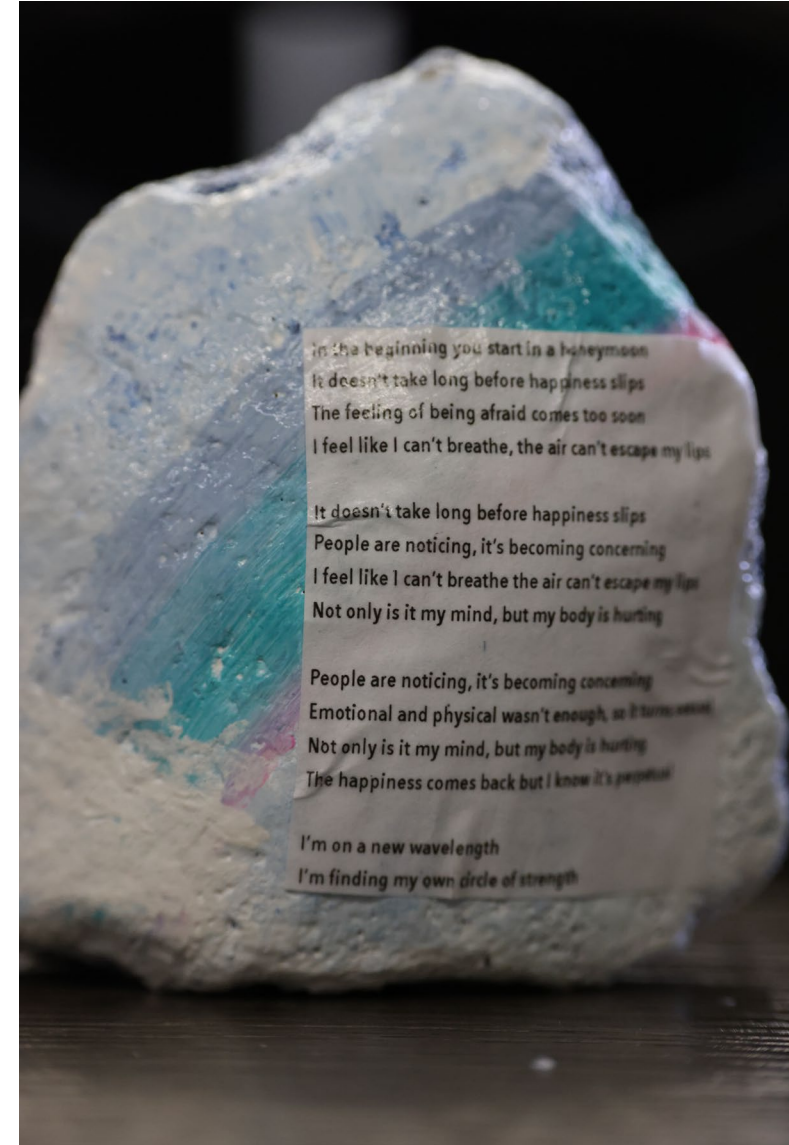
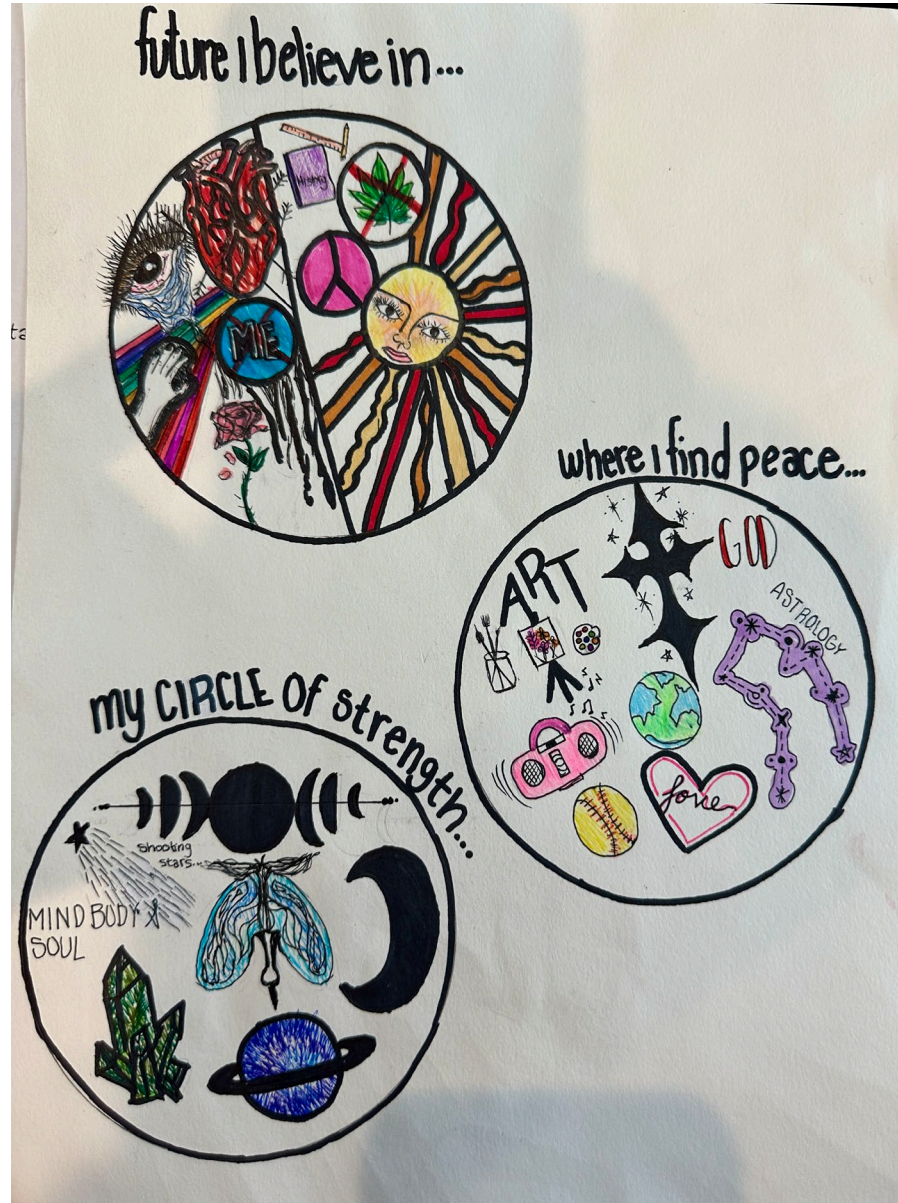
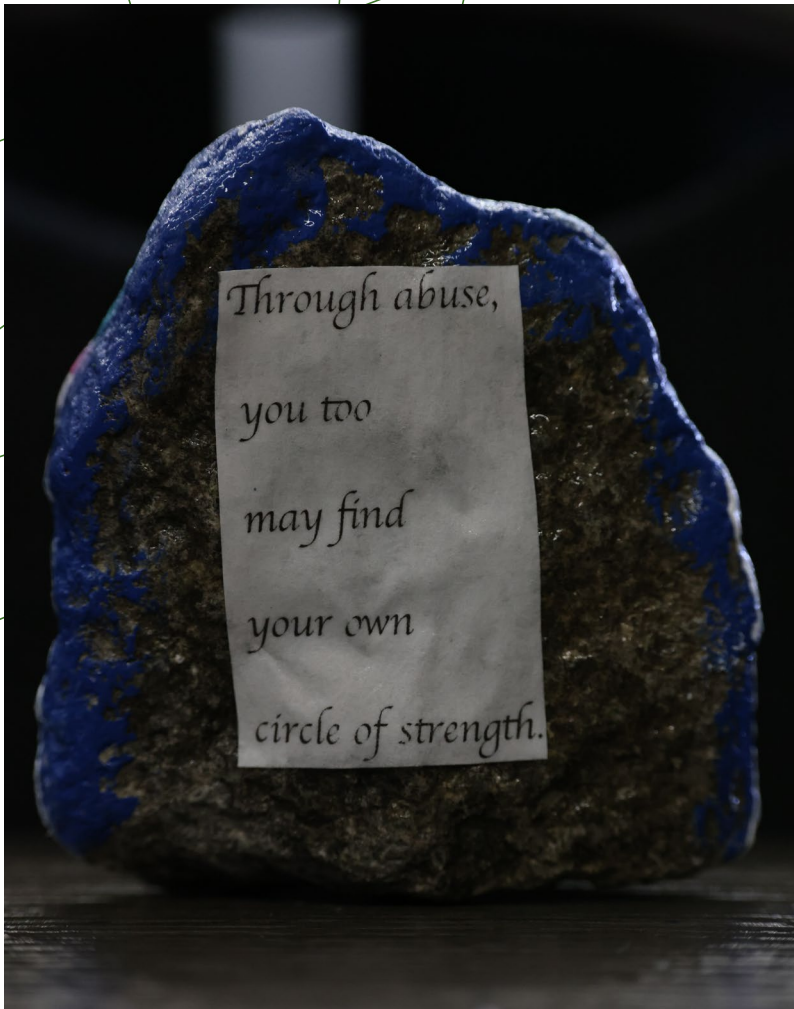
These are the eyes of warriors



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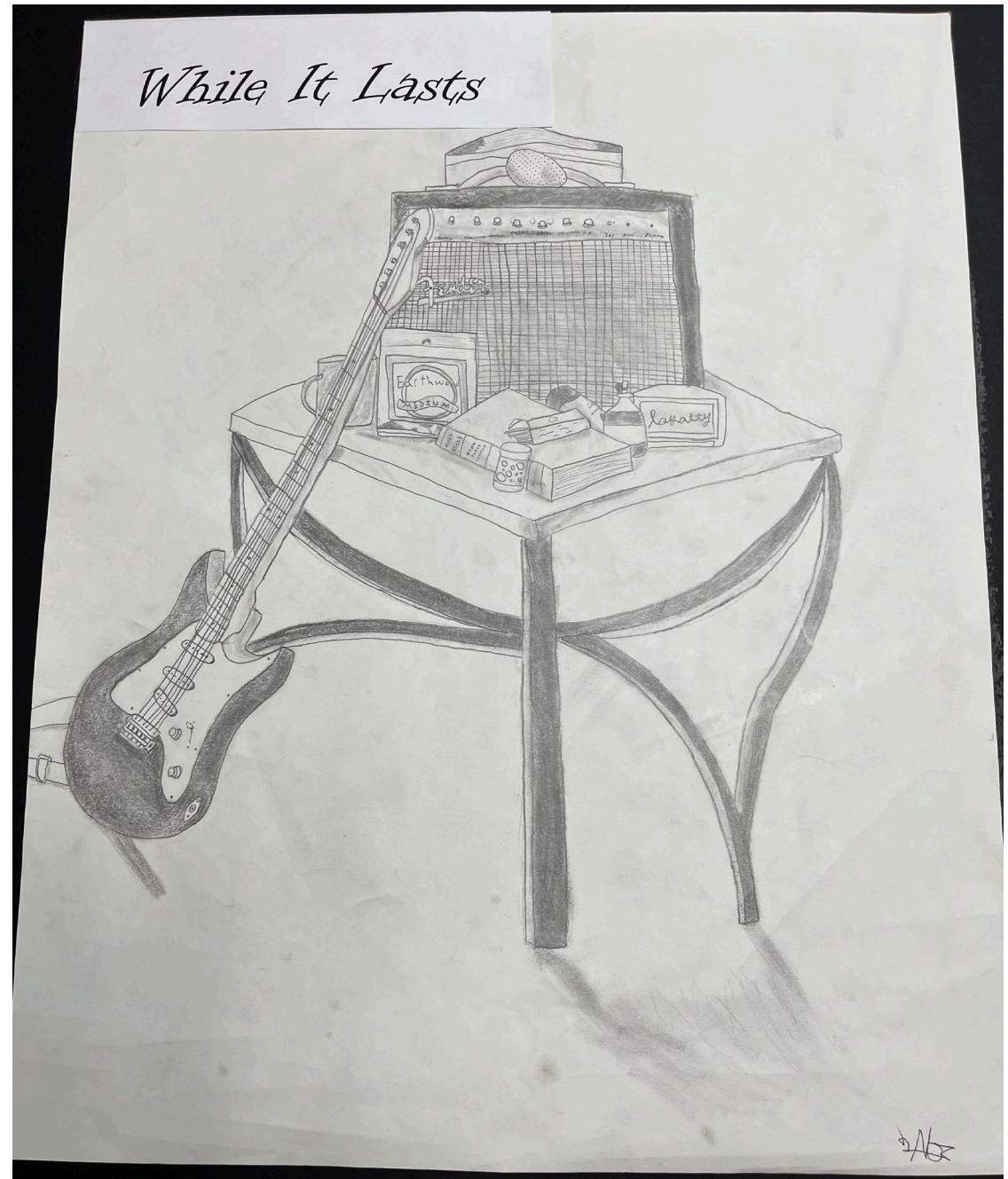
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New Hope Carolinas, South Carolina

PEACE OF MIND



The mind is a powerful place for u to think
and speak to yourself
without others knowing

I find peace within basketball
and having positive interactions with family

Your mind is a place of peace
If you find yourself in a dark place look at what finds you at peace.

It's just one of many steps in life to find your meaning,

After that you may find your peace

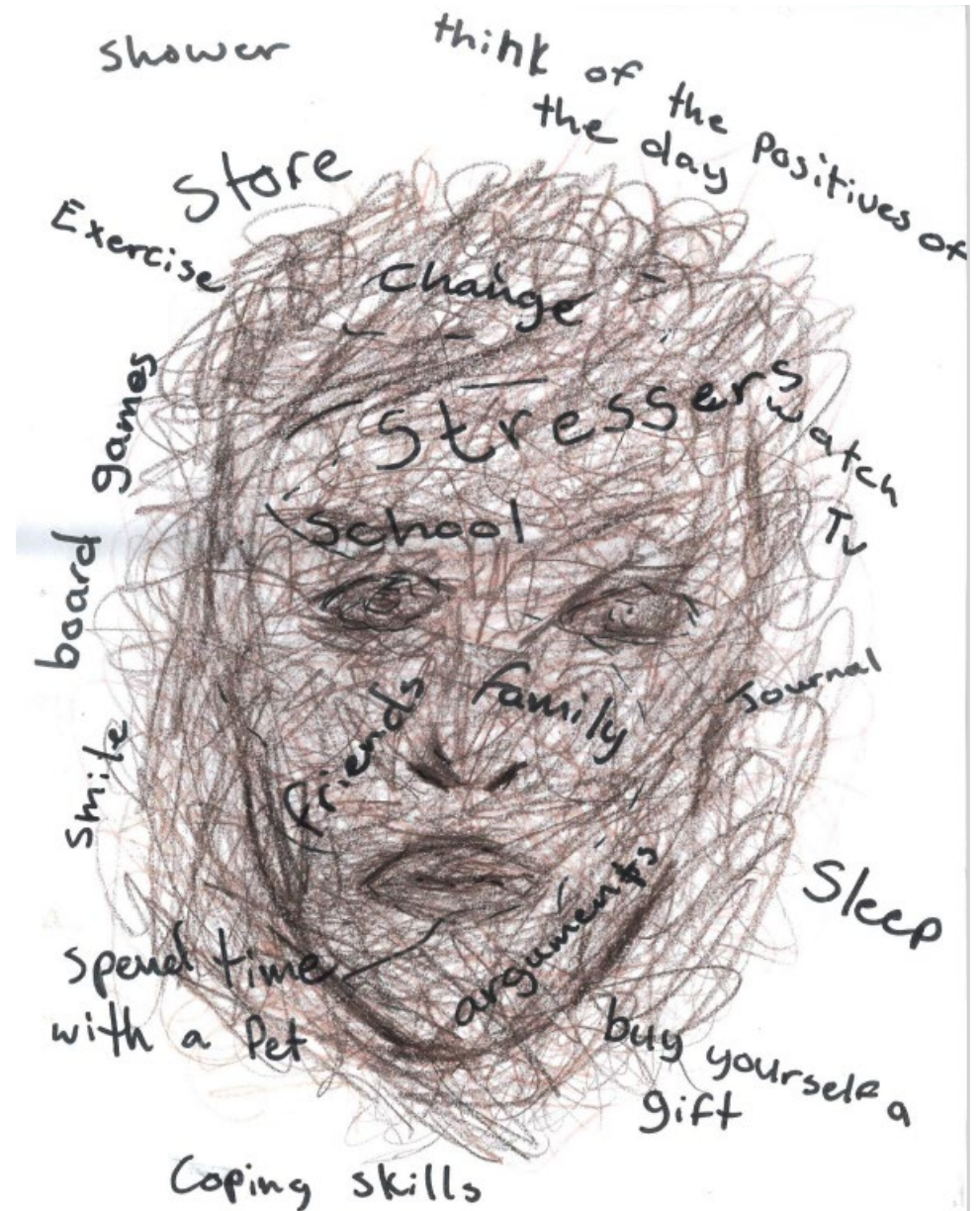
"They" say everything happens for a reason

But I feel as though you have the chance to make the right choice you should

It is very hard to get out of a situation but easy to get into one



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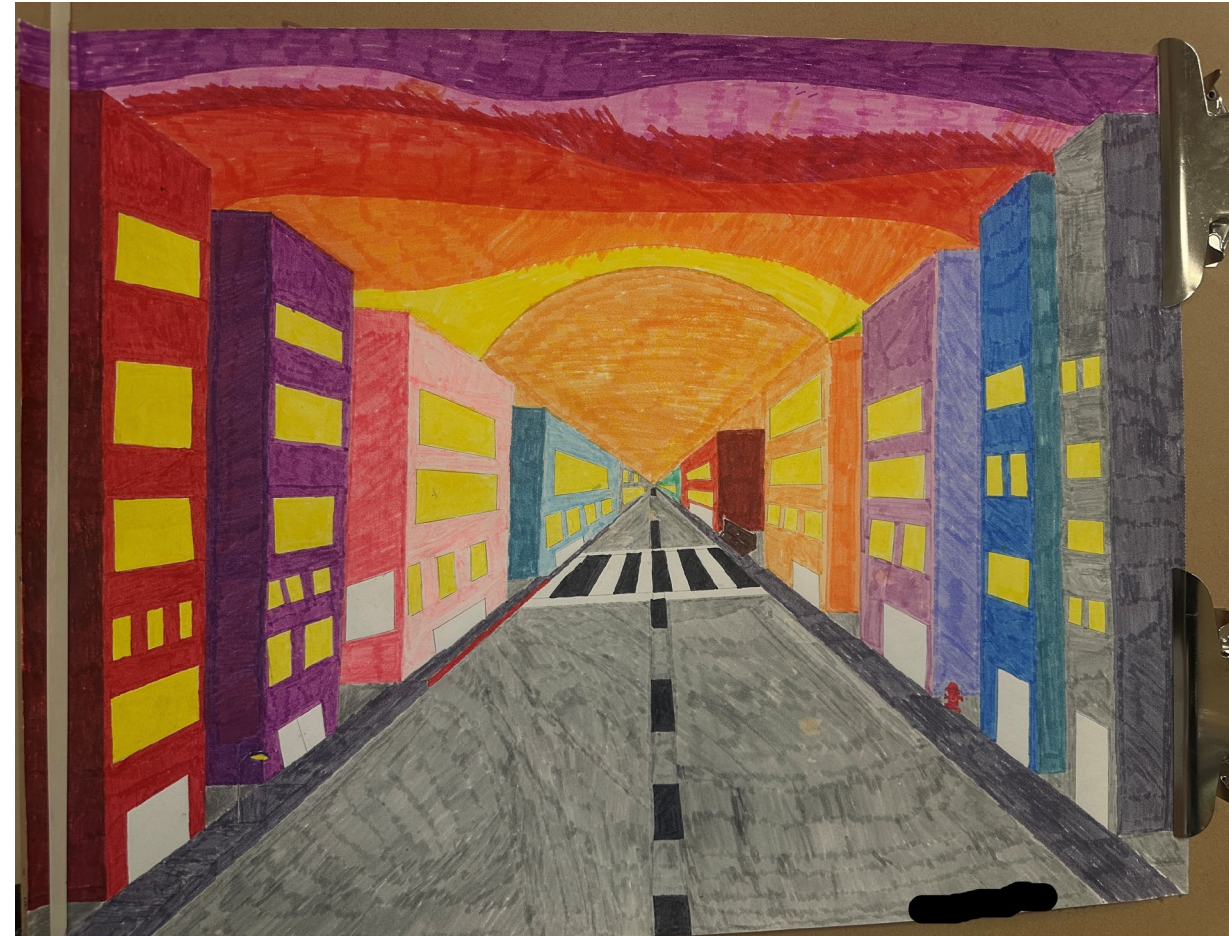
Dakota Memorial School, North Dakota

Artist Statement:

My artwork has been crafted with dedication, a positive mindset, and a strong work ethic. Art has consistently served as a profound medium for expressing my feelings and emotions regarding various aspects of life. It has taught me that expression does not always require words; one can convey thoughts through drawing, creation, or imagination, as I have done. During my treatment, I found solace in a special stuffed animal named "Chocolate," which inspired the creation of this clay Highland Cow. Chocolate played a significant role in helping me navigate my emotions during a time when I lacked trusted companionship. This piece not only reflects Scottish culture but also serves as a personal expression of my feelings during challenging periods. Through this artwork, I aim to communicate both my cultural appreciation and the emotional journey I have experienced.



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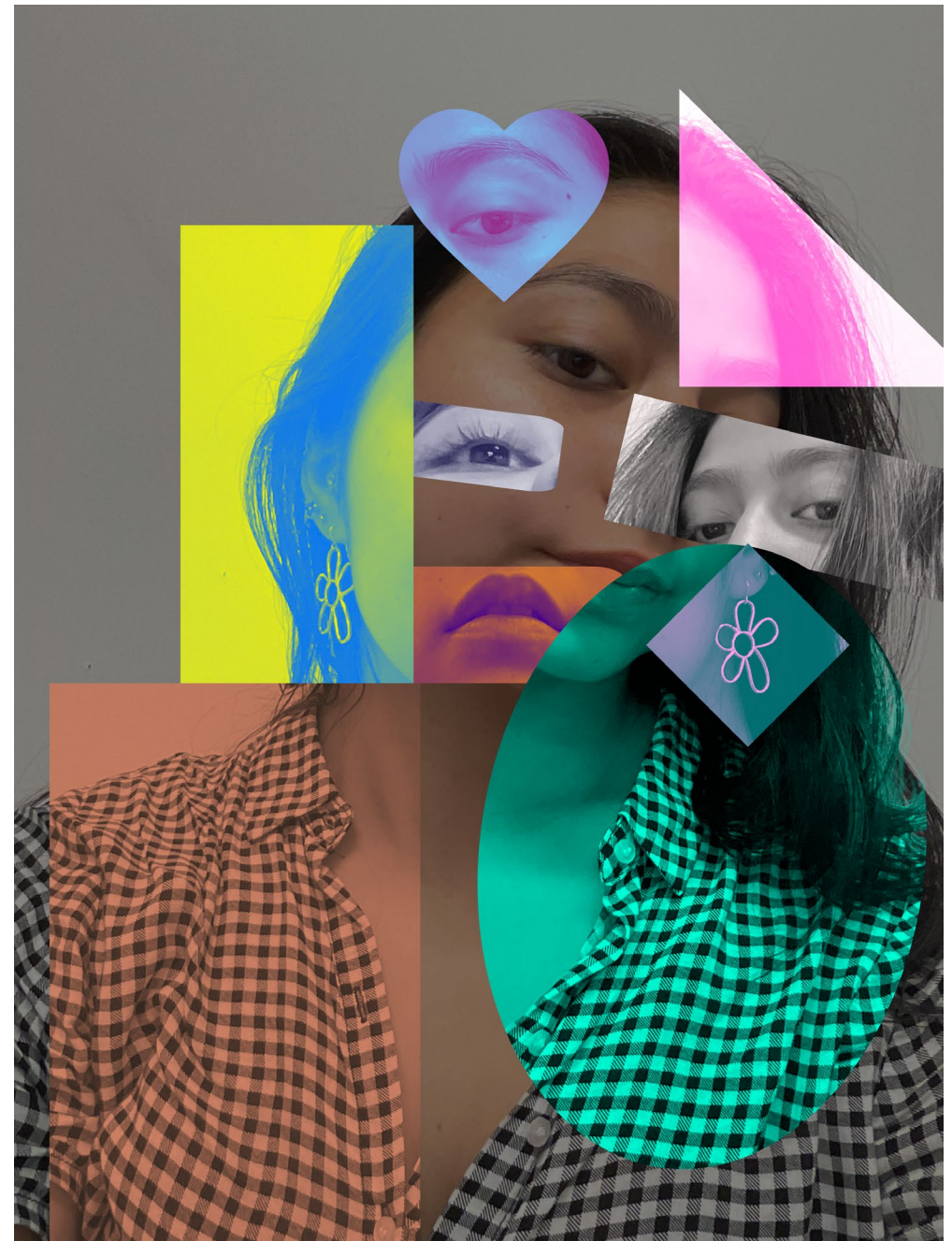
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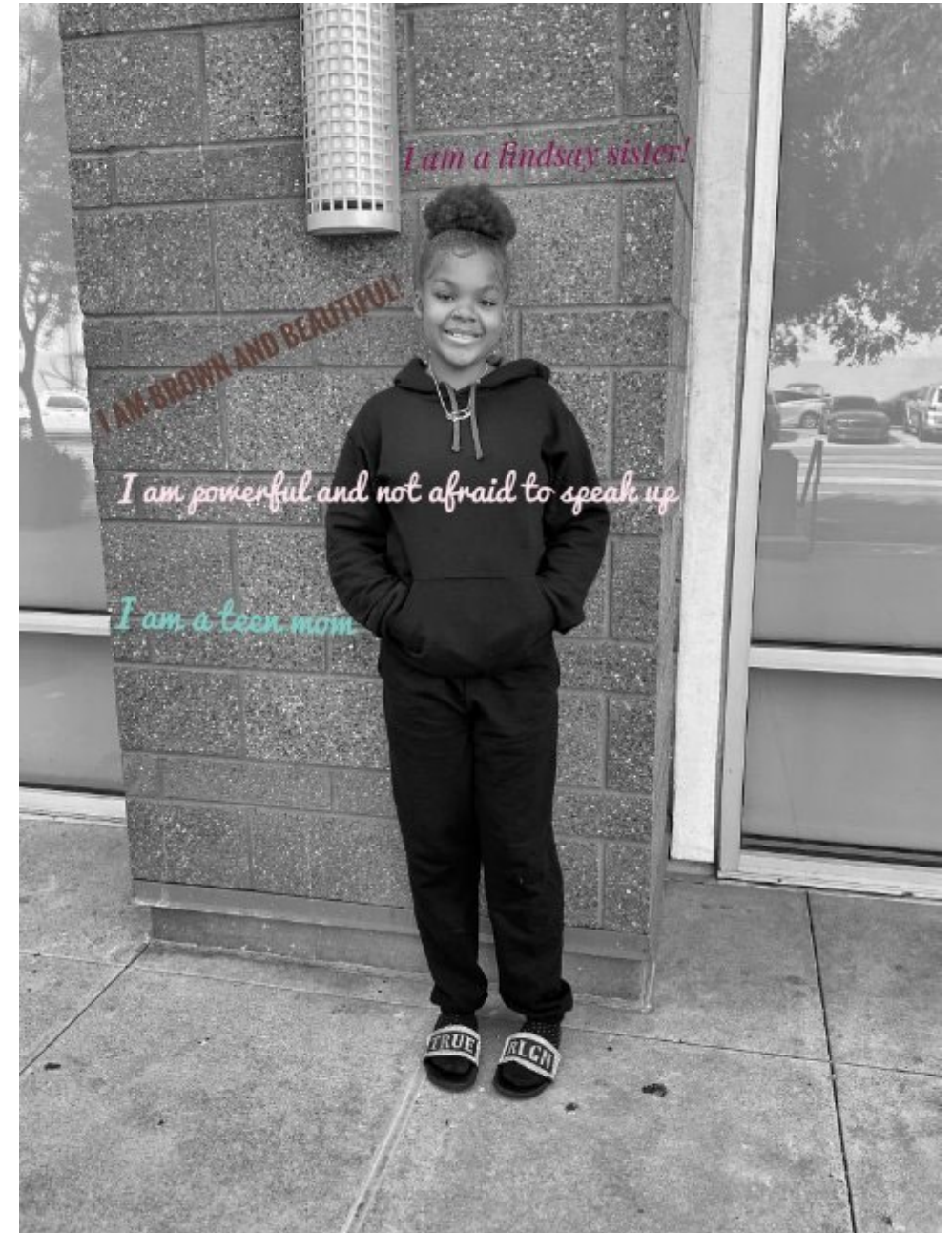
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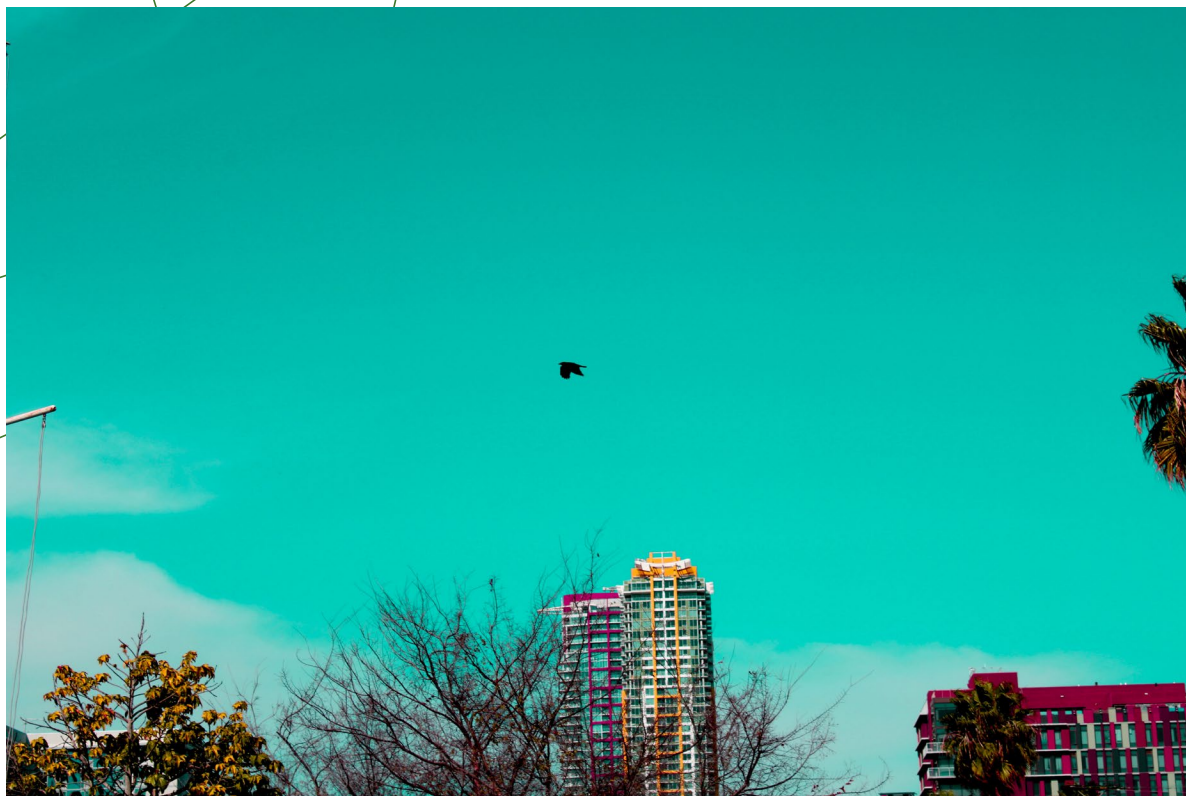


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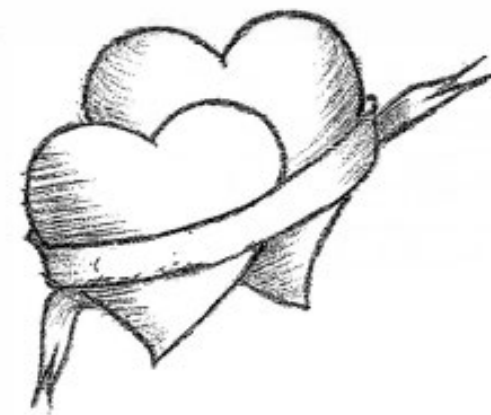
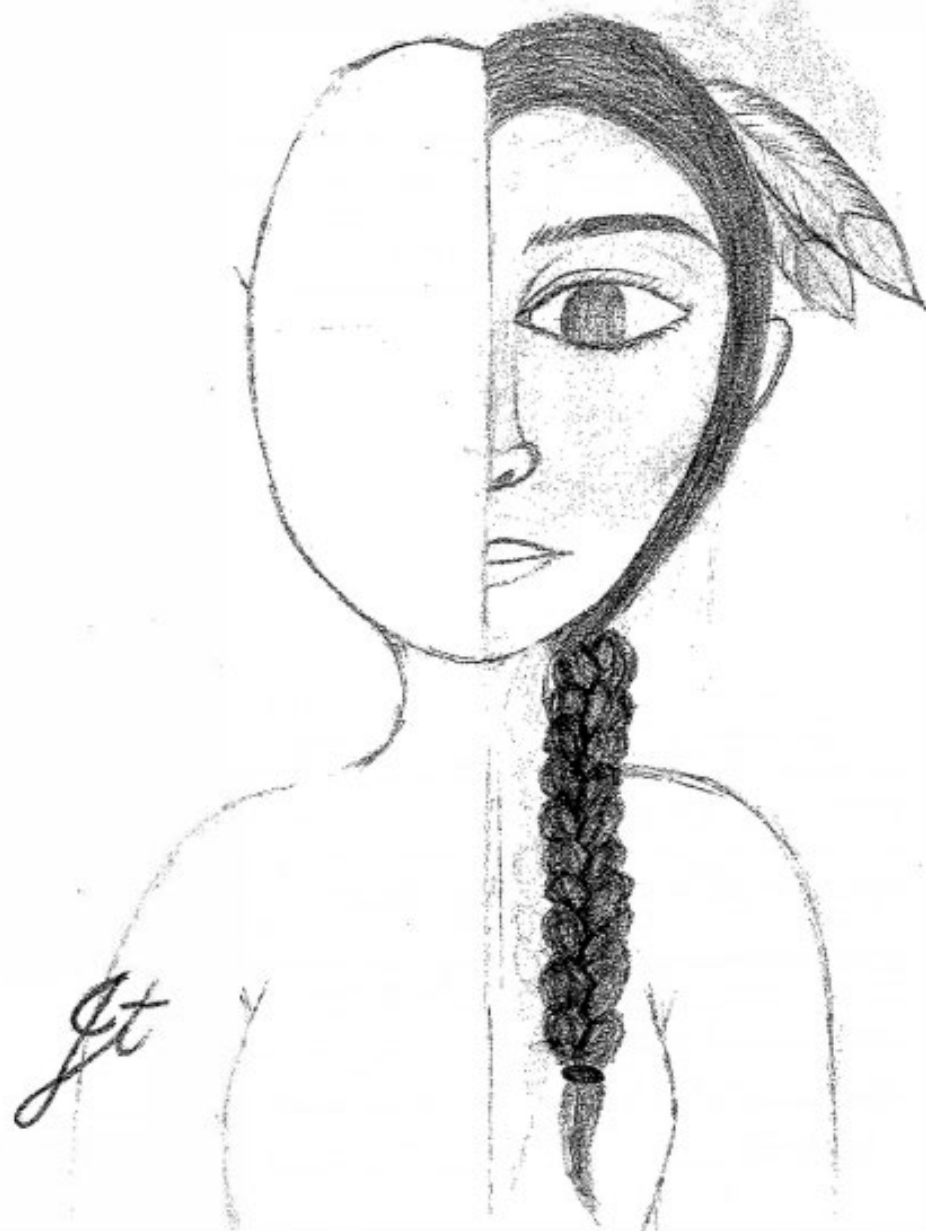
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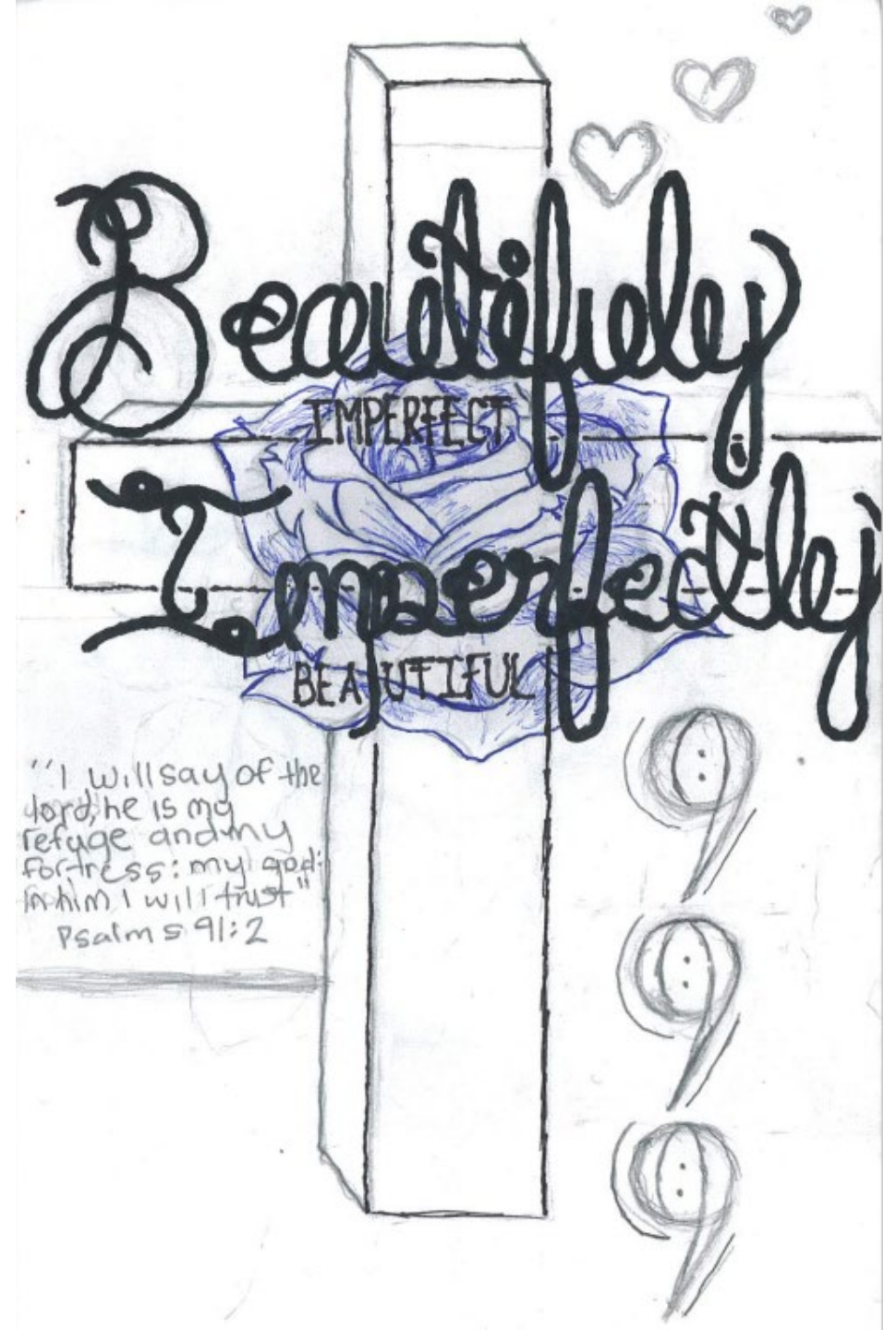
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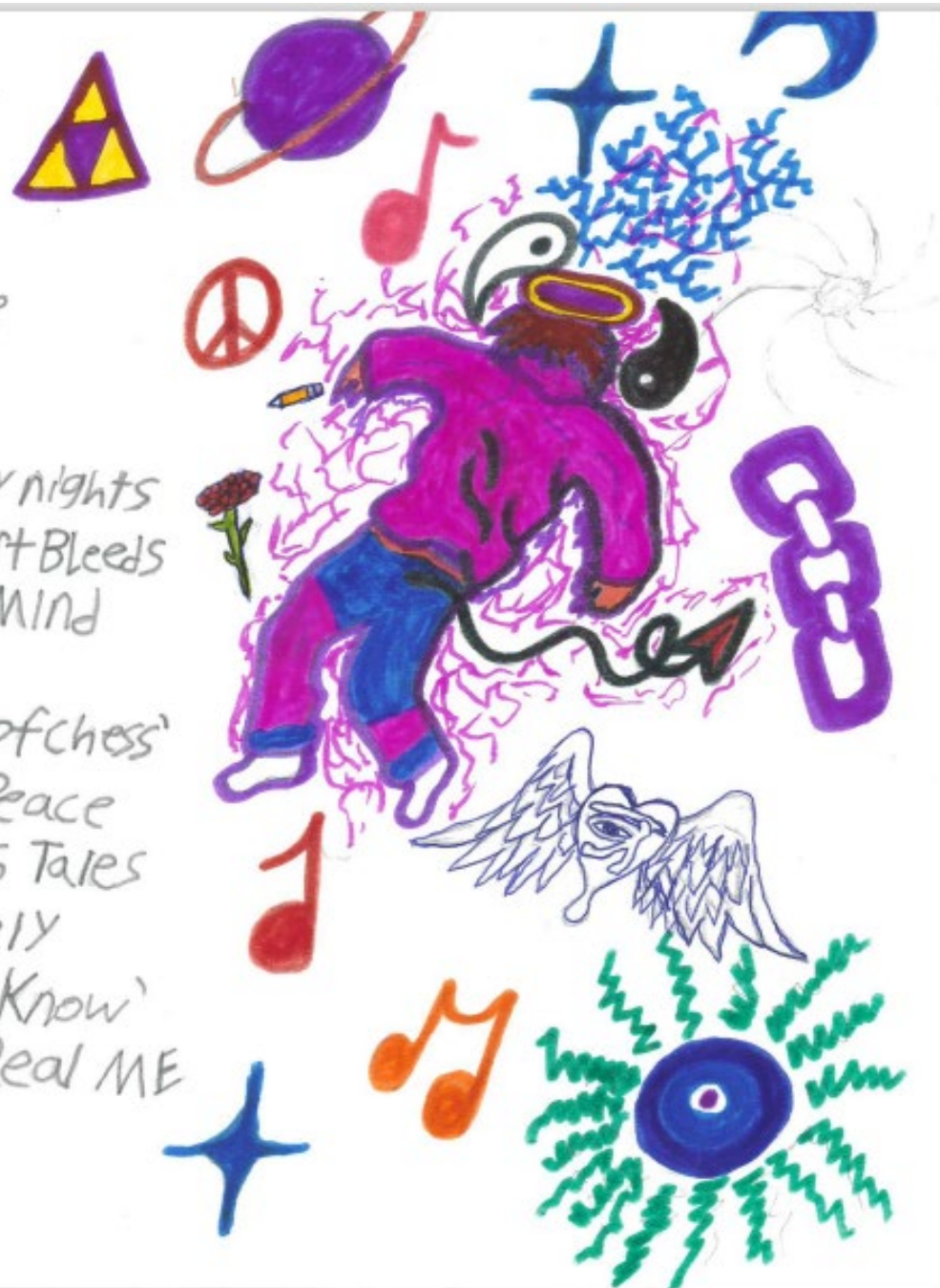
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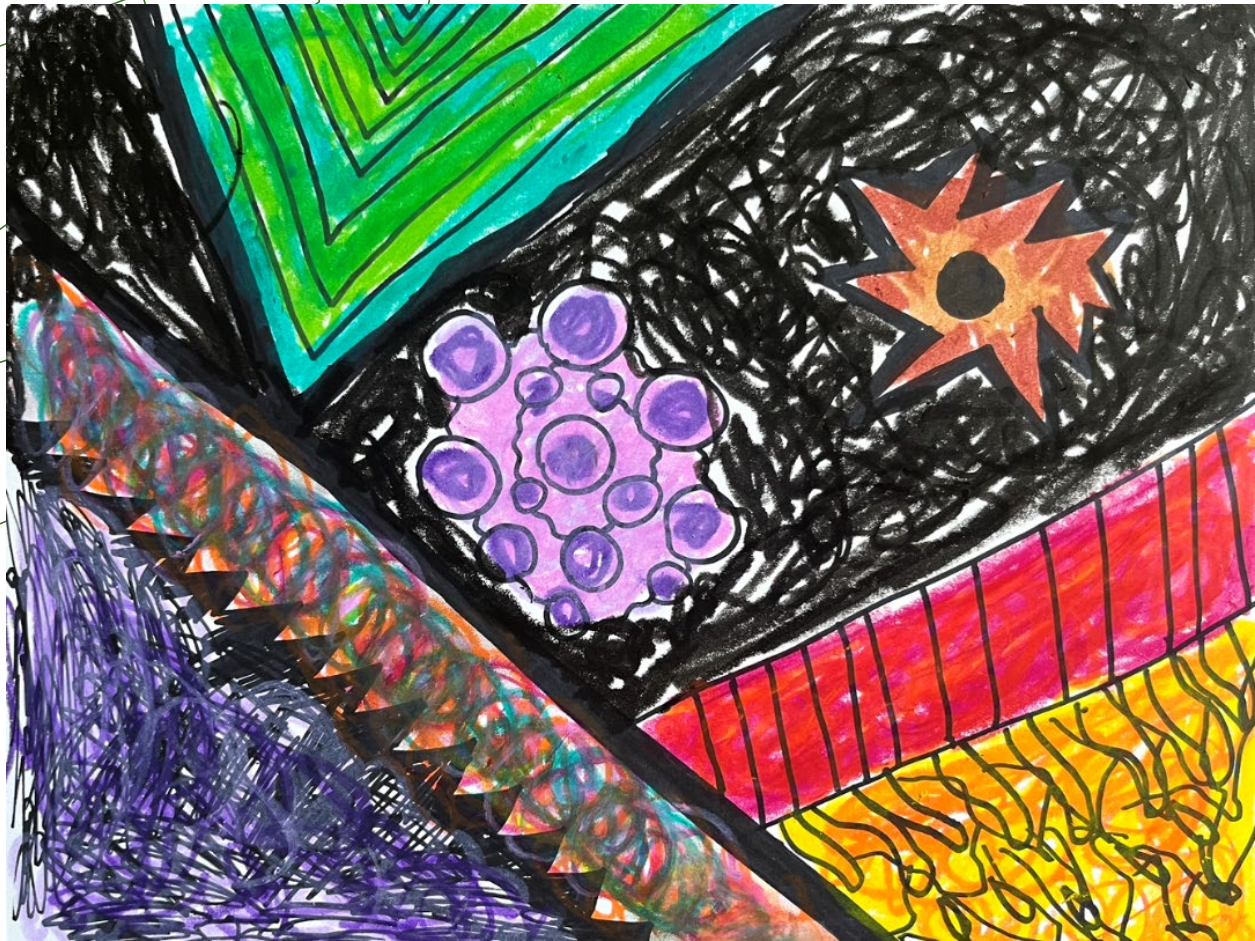


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Think Deep' In these Times
Just to keep a calm sea
I'd be lying if I said
Her Demons Dont Intice me
I'm Screaming out Justly'
Stuck By Cupids I.V
Our Scars Like Stars on lazy nights
Our Beauty's Where our Heart Bleeds
I'ma stay 100' speak my mind
And keep on fighting
I know This life a game of chess'
My writings Where I find Peace
Undone by spells of other's Tales
This world gets so lonely
I gotta stick To What I know'
And keep Being The Real ME



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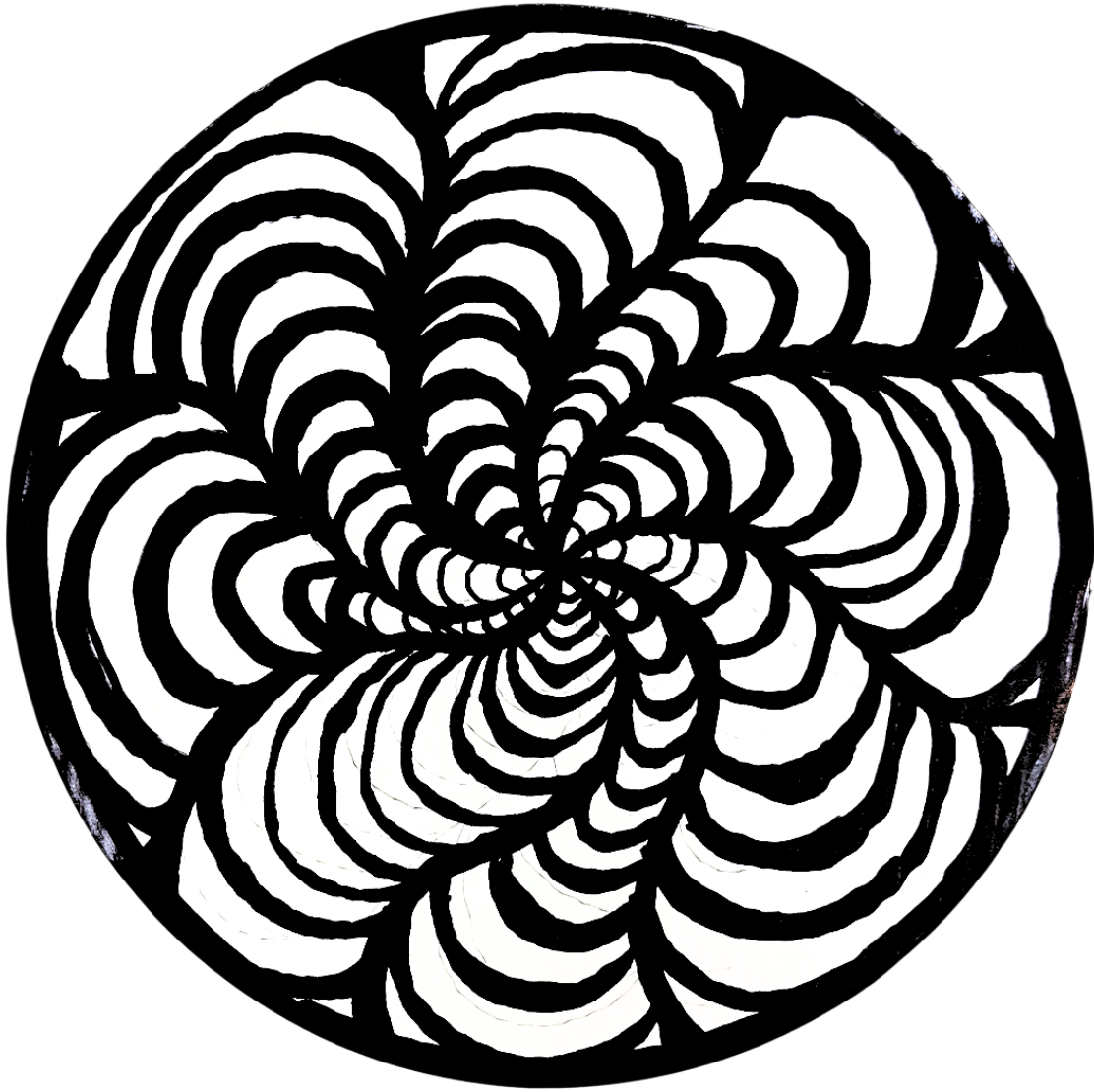


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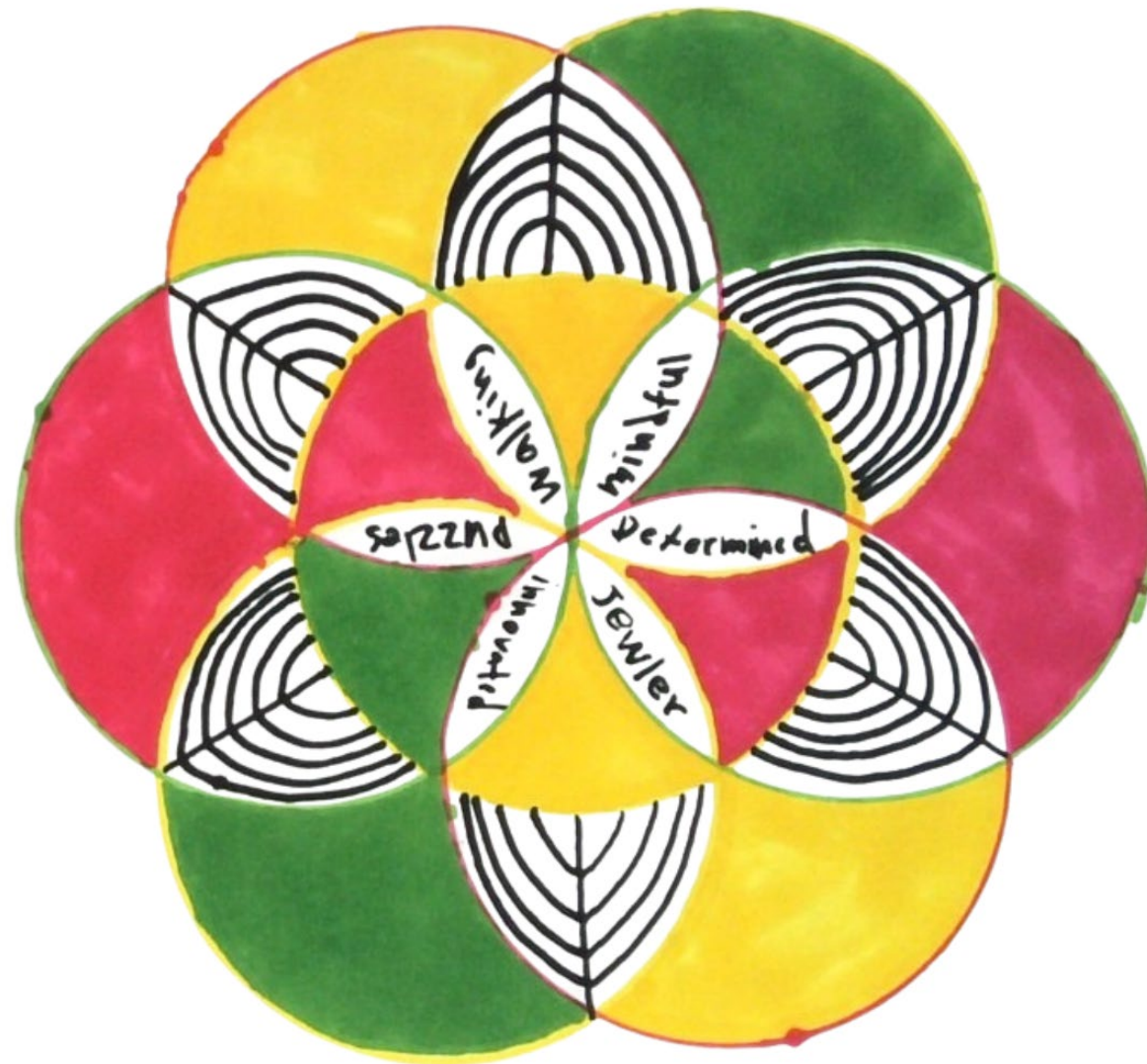
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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book is a selected collection of students' work produced in a photography program with Outside The Lens from January to June 2023 at the Youth Transition Campus, where we used visual art and personal narratives to communicate the lived experiences of youth who have been incarcerated in the criminal justice system.

"Our freedom may be restricted, but not our voices" aims to amplify the voices of incarcerated youth and create a sense of belonging. The students understand the importance of sharing their story in the hopes that other students with shared circumstances feel connected. They also want to cultivate a sense of understanding and empathy from society to inspire change in the criminal justice system.

Through this book, we celebrate their stories, their resilience, and their motivation for change.



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I want to practice my freedom outside by living a straight life and getting away from activities that will put me back in the place where I cherish freedom the most.

I want and will change my cloud of clouds, my negative thought patterns to healthy ones. By changing the community that surrounds me, and how I think by being grateful that I am still here every single day I will become **eternally free**.

**“I hit rock bottom and used the stones to build stairs”
- Moniyah B.**



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