Acts of Becoming

A visual narrative of returning to oneself—

Fear, longing, curiosity, self-worth, forgotten origins, and home.

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Each piece— a chapter in returning to oneself.

an intimate mapping of fear, longing, curiosity, self-worth, unrealized dreams, and the choice to come *home*.

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Wonder

She asks the tree roots "why".

She asks the leaves and the sun "how," she asks the earth "whom."

Full of wonder for what's around her, she takes joy in // learning new things.

She will be a happy woman, since the world is bigger than she can imagine.

Explain the problem out loud, as if you had to tell a child about it.

Becoming is asking the world to show you more. Becoming as openness.

<u>Video</u>



Dignity

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She only has second-hand clothes and has no money to drink beer in pubs or give flowers to herself.

Eat, drink, rest for a Video

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from her to buy a house,

so she can begin her life

as an adult with dignity.

First and foremost take care of yourself.

When she is about to get II

Becoming is treating yourself like someone worth caring for. Becoming as self-regard.

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Dreams

He tells some the story of how he will become the best pilot in the world; to others, of how he will be the king of pirates; and then a musical genius.

There's satisfaction in these fickle aims, as they are all time and no one can challenge them.

Because he is a child who harbours the dream of infinite possible realities in his eyes.

Go back to the start.

Becoming is remembering the dreams that survived

Becoming as origin.



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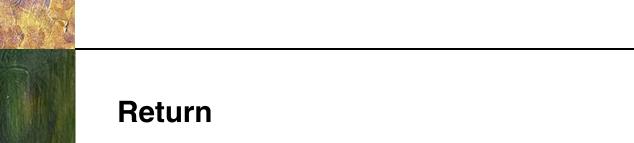
On the road she meets a Do it your way or don't do it. horse and keeps on galloping until she rises up from the // ground.

Her heart is beating too fast

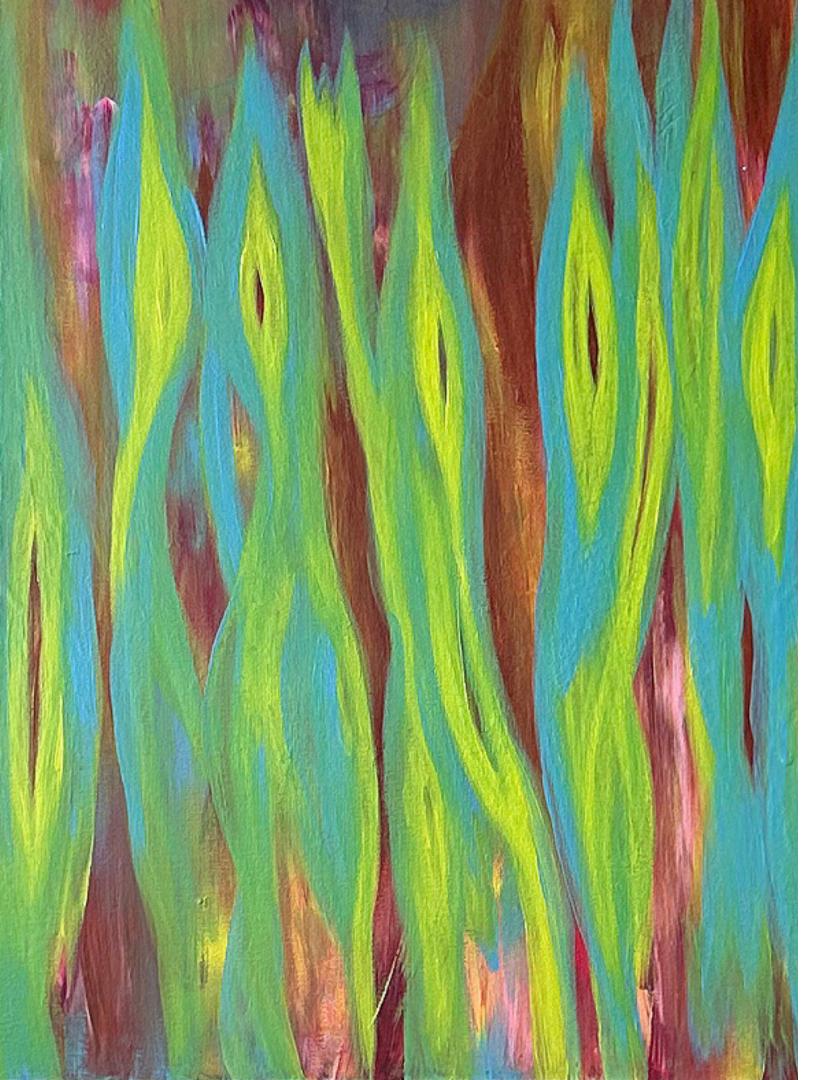
She's not fleeing; she's simply going back to her true self.

Becoming is returning to the self you never lost. Becoming as home.

<u>Video</u>



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Security

She works every day, from morning to evening, because money makes her feel secure.

When she loses her job and finds herself short of money, she wakes up later and passes her time in the library, where she can read as she likes and the coffee is cheaper.

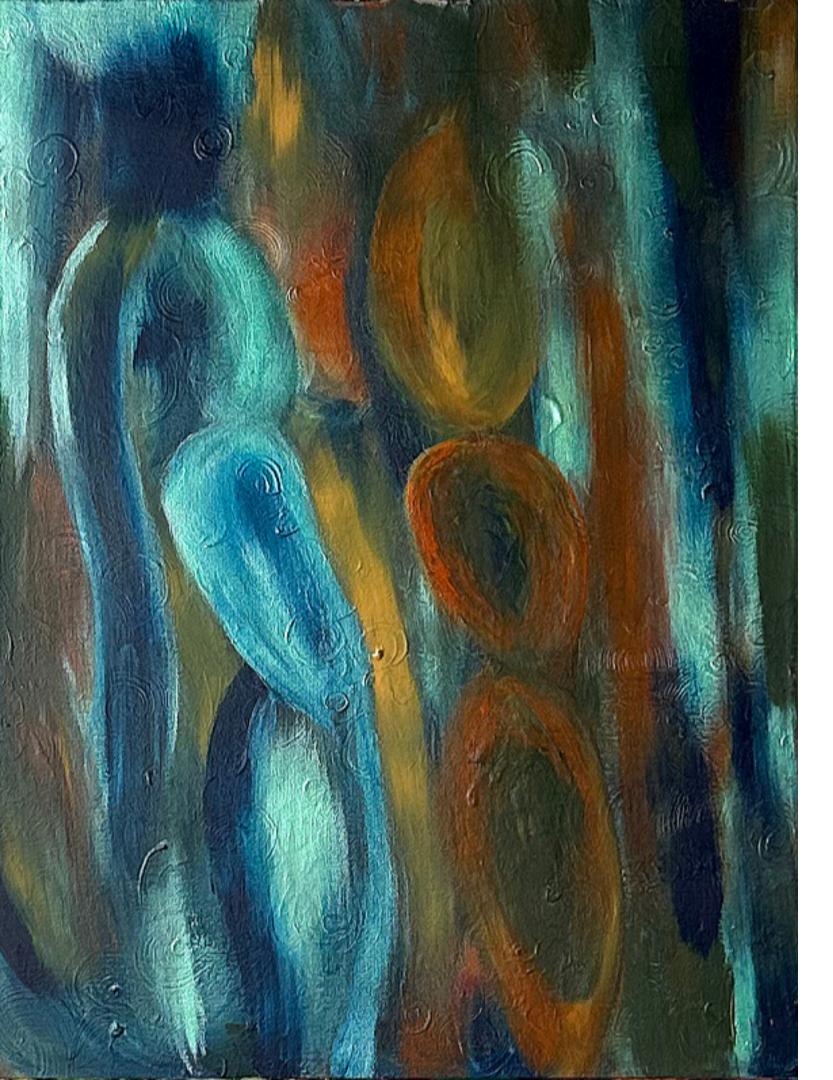
The light of a sincere sun filters through the window, and she hasn't been this happy in a long time.

Don't give up. If there's a problem, use it as motivation.

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Becoming is remembering what actually nourishes you.

Becoming as truth.



Imagination

She stands on the summit of an unreachable place.

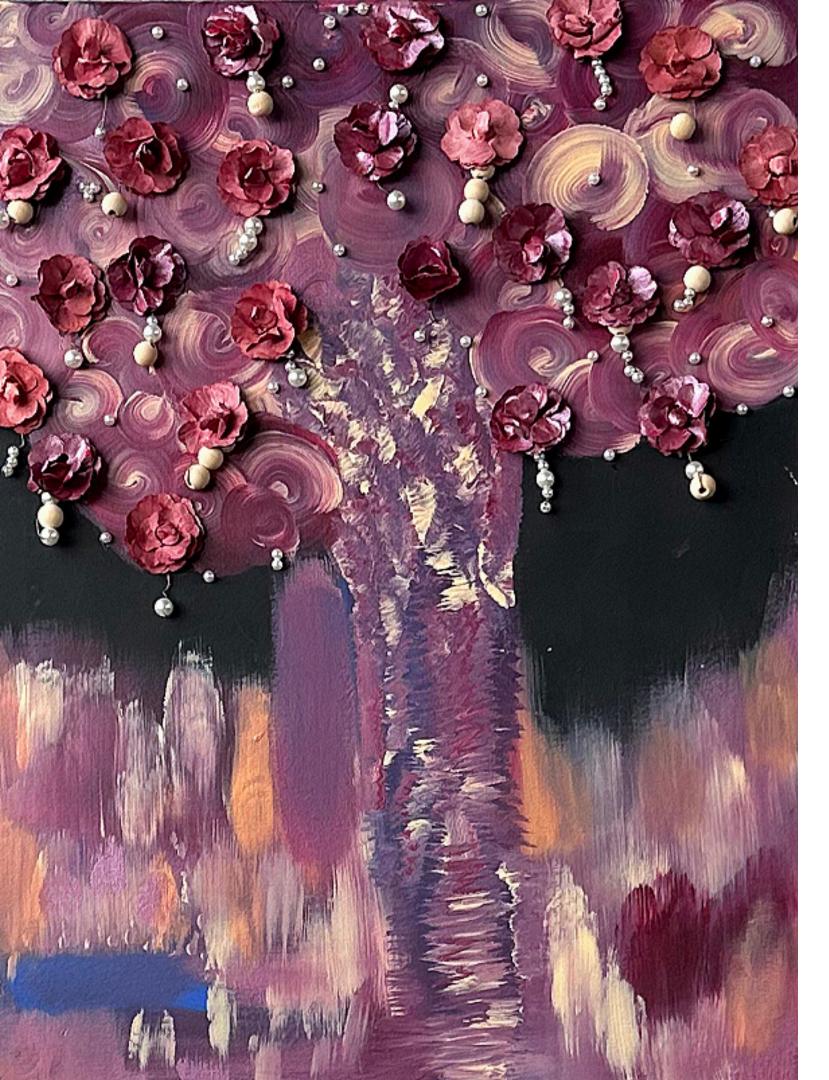
She used up most of her life to admire its smooth marbles and regular shaped stones.

Now she understands that happiness only lives in places that can be reached.

Make a list of the mistakes you have made until now.

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Becoming is choosing the life that can hold you. Becoming as presence.



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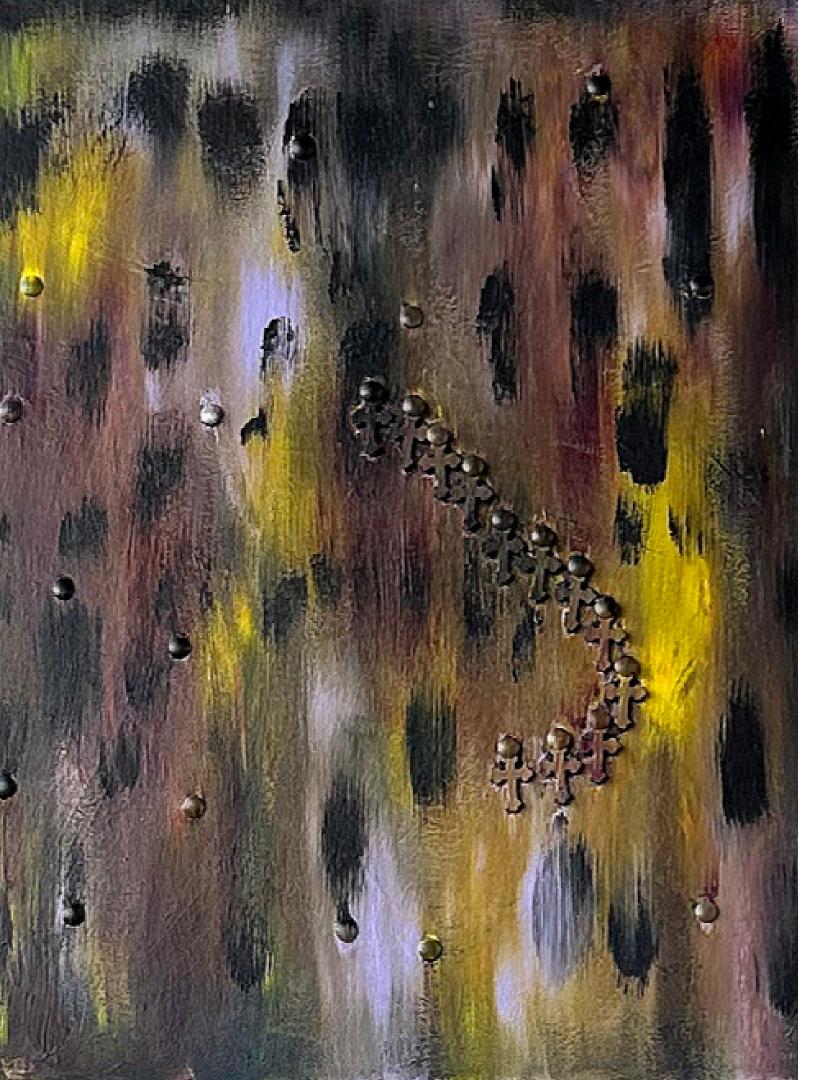
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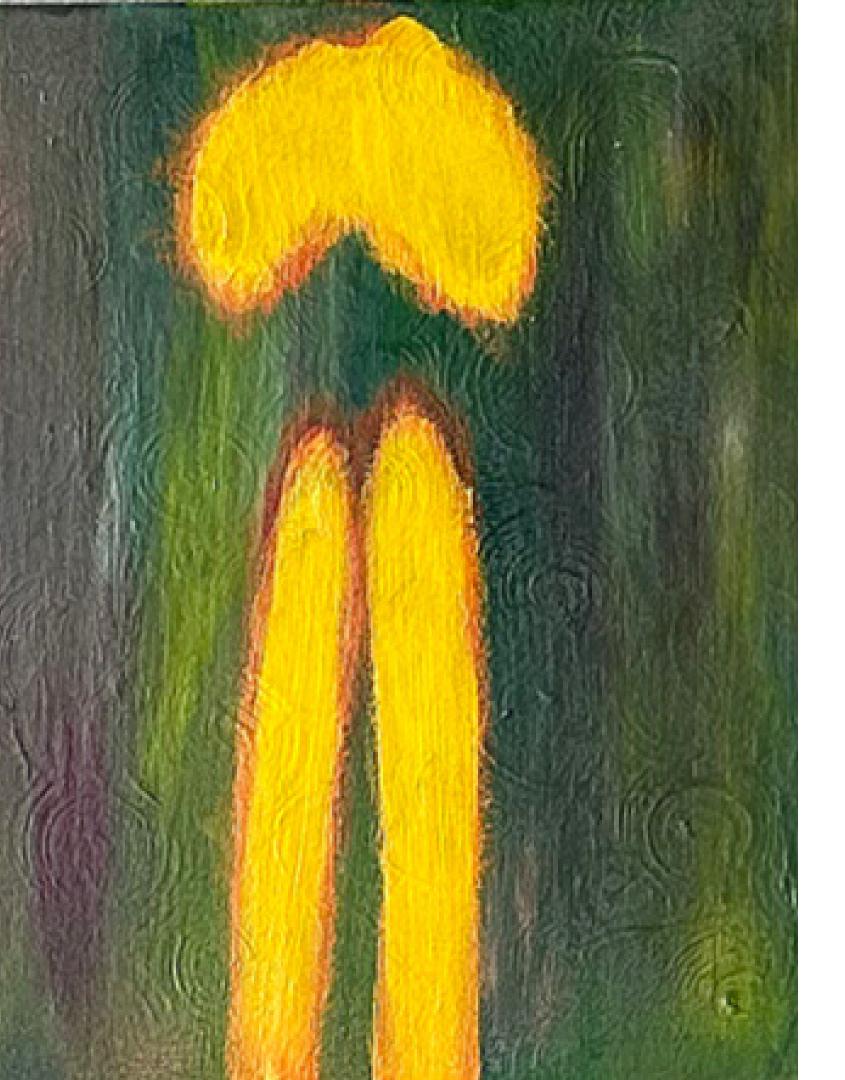
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