*A Rose in Chains Artwork*

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*A Rose in Chains* originated in my sketch book with many pencil sketches as I tried to find proportions for the flower itself. Once I had found a general form for the flower, I moved to sketching it in photoshop with a digital pen tablet. I prefer working digitally when I can, because it allows me to manipulate and layer my work in ways that are much harder to do on paper.

Creating this piece was a very organic and natural process, I never had to stop and question any aspect of its design; I always knew exactly what I wanted this to look like. A purple rose is a symbol of Cystic Fibrosis, as is the saying *Breathe Easy*. While working on my drawing of the rose, two song lyrics came into mind. *“A little less victim a little more victory, happy hurts sometimes, blame it on the monsters in my mind” -*Icon for Hire and *“And the only way to know how to live like it’s your last day, forget the past and find a way to let the monsters be your friends”* -Drawing North. Both of these lyrics and the piece itself embodied my fight and struggle with the Cystic Fibrosis, and lead to my own saying *“I fought and feared my monsters, only to wonder the desolation in my mind alone, now we grow with and around each other, and dance into the night forevermore”*

*A Rose in Chains* artwork and its accompanying saying were created as an embodiment of my Cystic Fibrosis, and how I have learned to live with such a life altering condition. Creating this piece for me was very powerful!