



BREAKING DOWN WALLS

WITH



Art & Writing

Created by artists and storytellers
incarcerated or under community
supervision in British Columbia

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ART & Justice is a partnership between researchers at the University of British Columbia, Indigenous Elders, Peer Leaders, and the Correctional Service of Canada.

To date, we have delivered 760 art and writing kits across prisons, Community Residential Facilities (CRFs) and urban Indigenous Peoples served by the Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Center (FRAFCA).

This booklet is a collection of some of the resulting art and writing. We are incredibly honoured to support the talent and creativity of people impacted by the Canadian criminal legal system.

All signatures have been removed from artwork to protect the artists' identity.

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The importance of **ART & STORYTELLING**

Words of encouragement from Elders, Peer Leaders and partners.



“ For all the books, articles, and evidence-based approaches that seek to convince us of the importance of the wall and the separation it maintains, the simple yet fundamental truth communicated through art that we are all made of the same human stuff will always triumph. From this will come the solutions that build a more just, egalitarian society.

Nyki Kish, Walls to Bridges, LINC Society, UBC Health & Justice Applied Research Collective

“ Many many times we have been labeled by our crime, but now, is the time to tell or show your role or who's role was played in “your story” that is factual, because you are the narrator. By telling my story, I felt a sense of healing, as the truth was outpouring.

Martha Kahnapace, Peer support researcher and Caregiver from the We Wai Kai Nation of Cape Mudge.

“ I loved all the art I saw. I watched it twice at the event and a few of the pieces made me cry. It was very emotional and inspiring.

Cathee, Walls 2 Bridges Peer Coordinator

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 I am never surprised by the amazing art that comes from people who are incarcerated, because I know how much talent is locked up in these institutions... regardless, I still love to see the art produced by people inside! To me, collections like this that you have put together are a celebration of the spirit, resilience, talent, and ingenuity of the human beings that the criminal (in)justice system tries to silence.

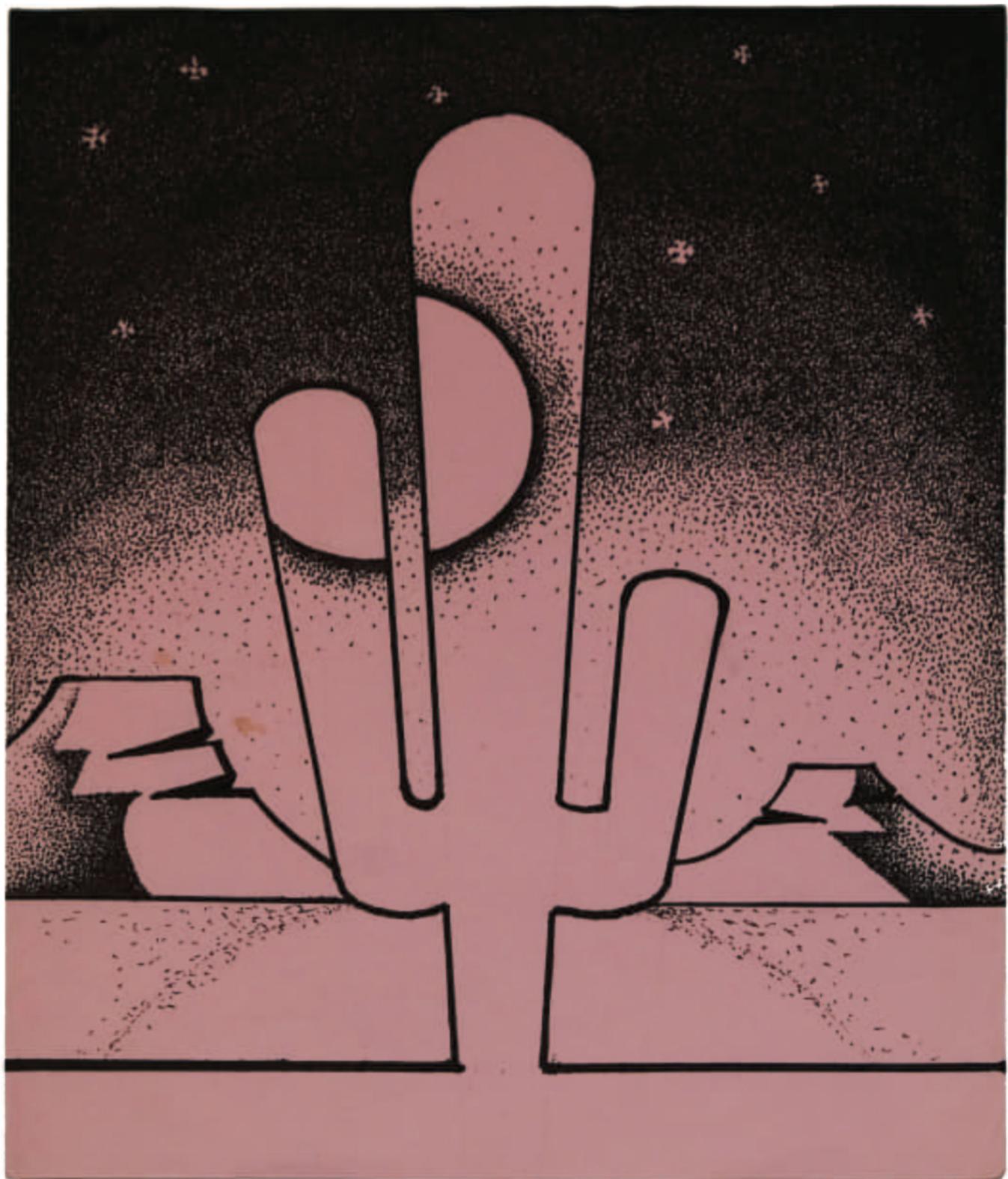
Sofia Bartlett, Senior Scientist, BC Center for Disease Control

 The art is remarkable, so much talent. It really blew me away. I love that the ART & Justice project was able to provide high quality art kits, the end product was so beautiful. Thank you to all the artists who contributed.

Margaret Erickson, PhD Candidate, Centre for Gender & Sexual Health Equity.

 I am amazed by the vast array of art styles and the creative use of materials to create incredible artworks. Keep creating amazing pieces!

Sam Young, UBC Transformative Health & Justice Research Cluster Coordinator

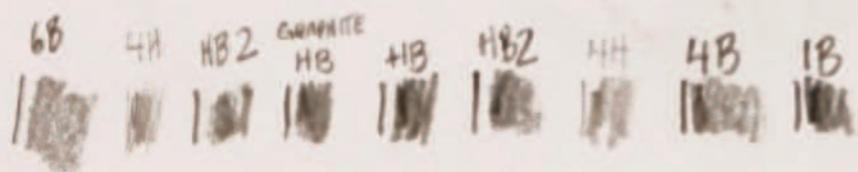
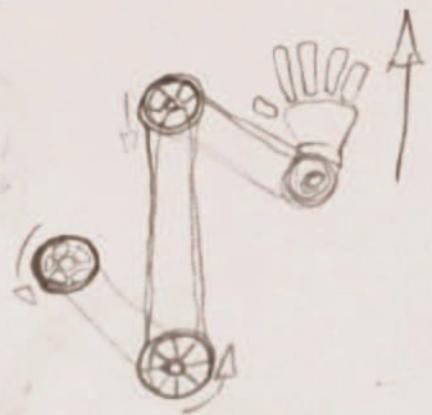
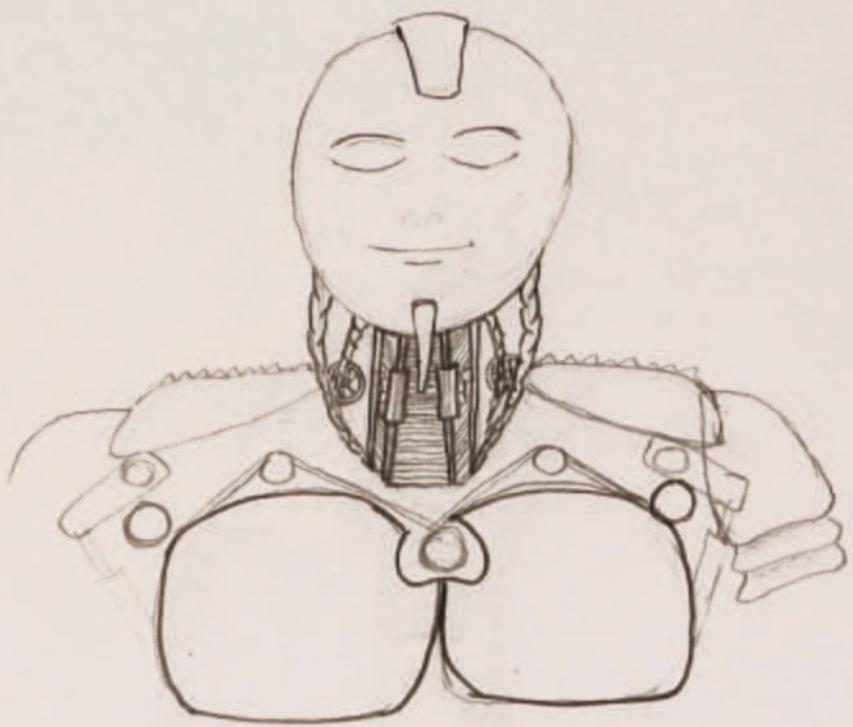


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Soul

*Living Loving Soul
Dispel the works of Darkness
Defeat the deeds of Evil
Enter the recording room of Memories
Enter the dark room Guilt and Shame
Enter the secret room of Sin . . .
Hidden or Forgotten.*

*Living Loving Soul
Come and Forgive all that is me
Living Soul come and set me Free
Loving Soul scatter the Darkness
Living Loving Soul
Draw me closer to Humanity*



LOVE . . .

TOO LATE I CAME TO KNOW
THE EGO AS THE NATURAL ENEMY
THE TREASURE OF A LOVE FREELY GIVEN
THAT TRUE LOVE ALLOWS HONEST SHORTCOMINGS
AND OVERCOMES LESSON'S LEARNED
THAT THE COST OF THE GIFT OF LOVE
SQUANDERED, IS EVERYTHING.

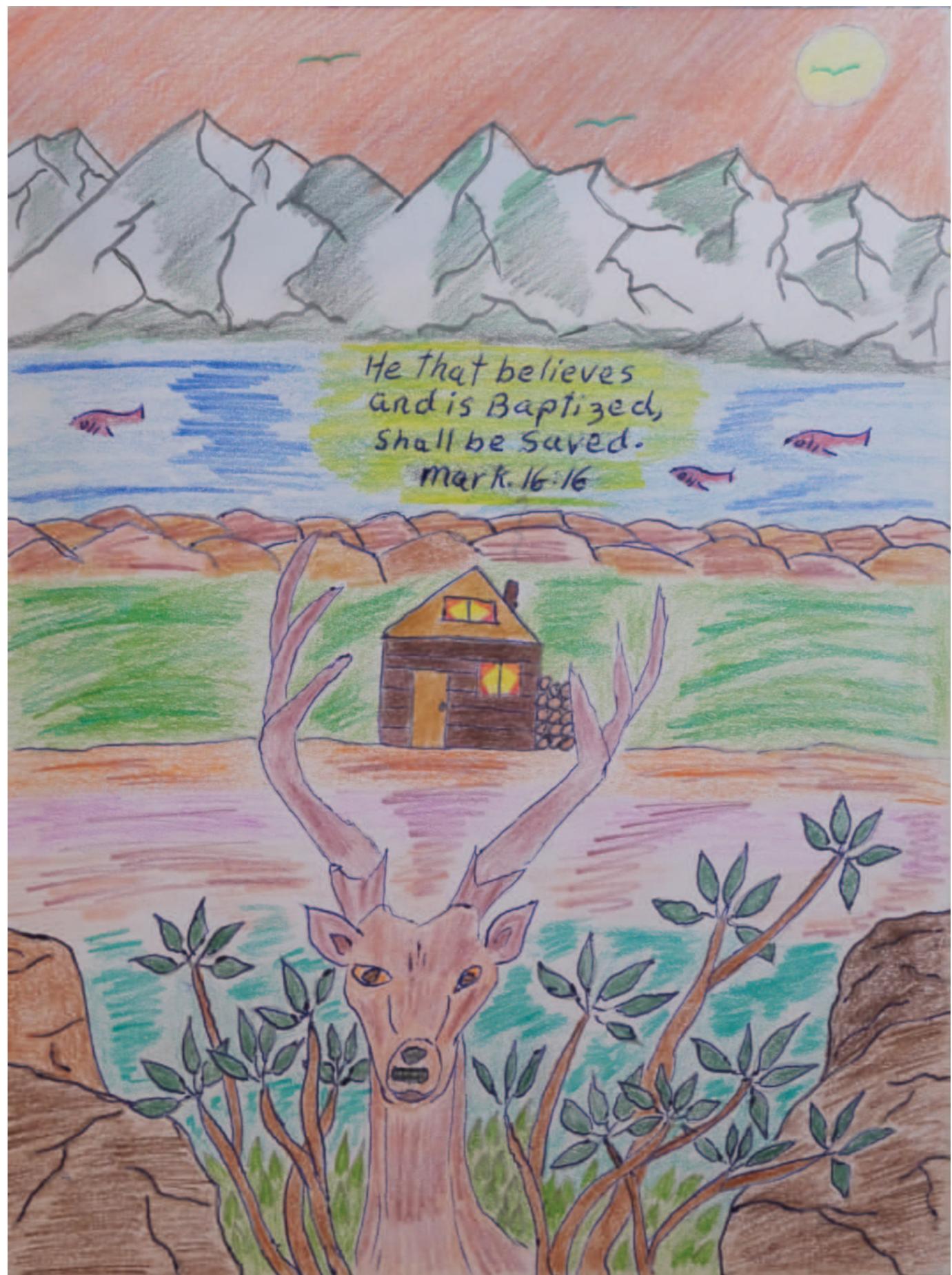
AND NOW I'VE LIVED LONG ENOUGH
TO BE THE WOUND . . .
NO LONGER, THE WEAPON

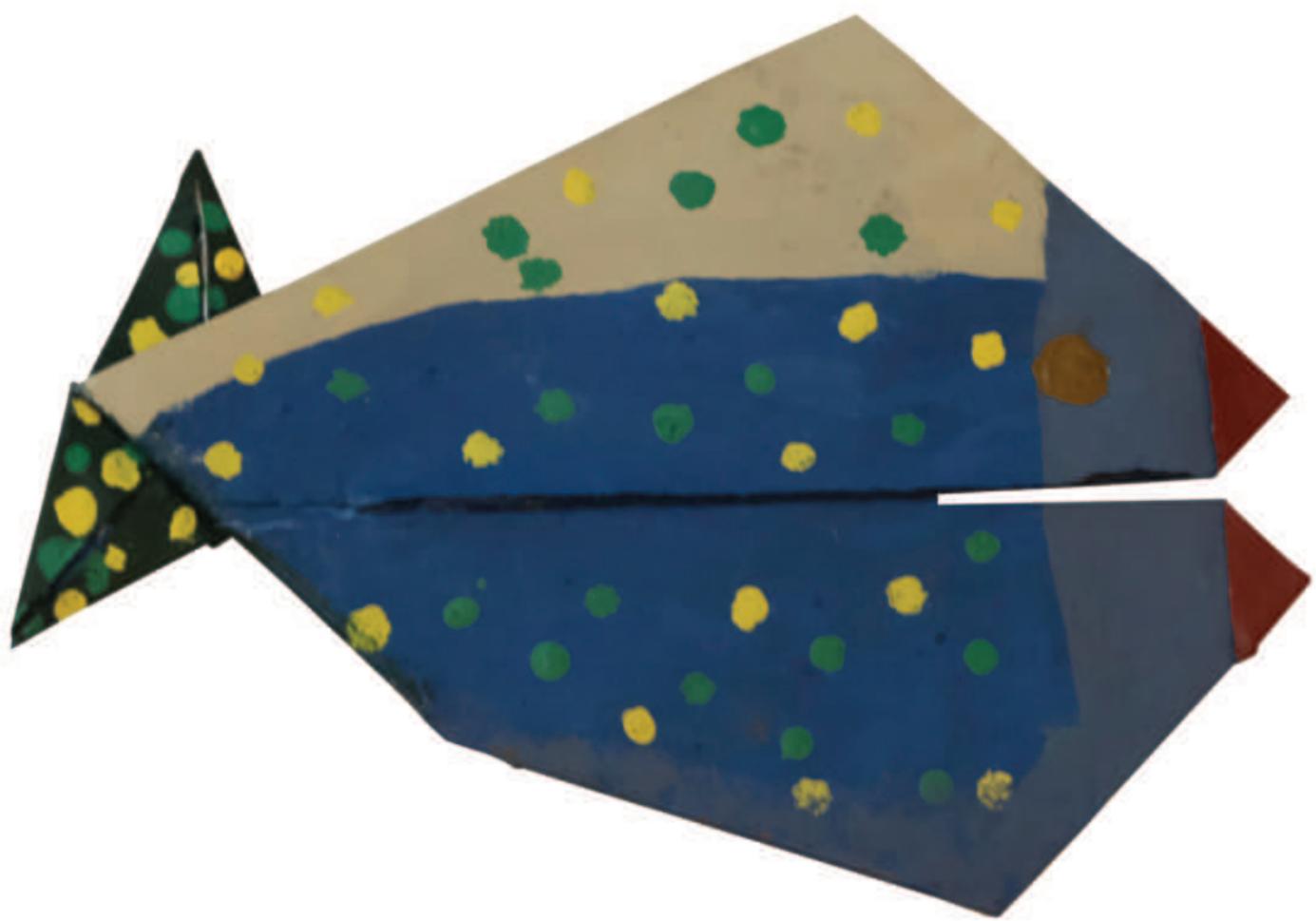
STAND STILL, YOU EVER-MOVING
SPHERES OF HEAVEN,
THAT TIME MAY CEASE, AND
MIDNIGHT NEVER COME.

TO-MORROW & TO-MORROW & TO-MORROW
CREEPS IN THIS PETTY PACE, FROM DAY TO DAY









Jan. 15, 2021

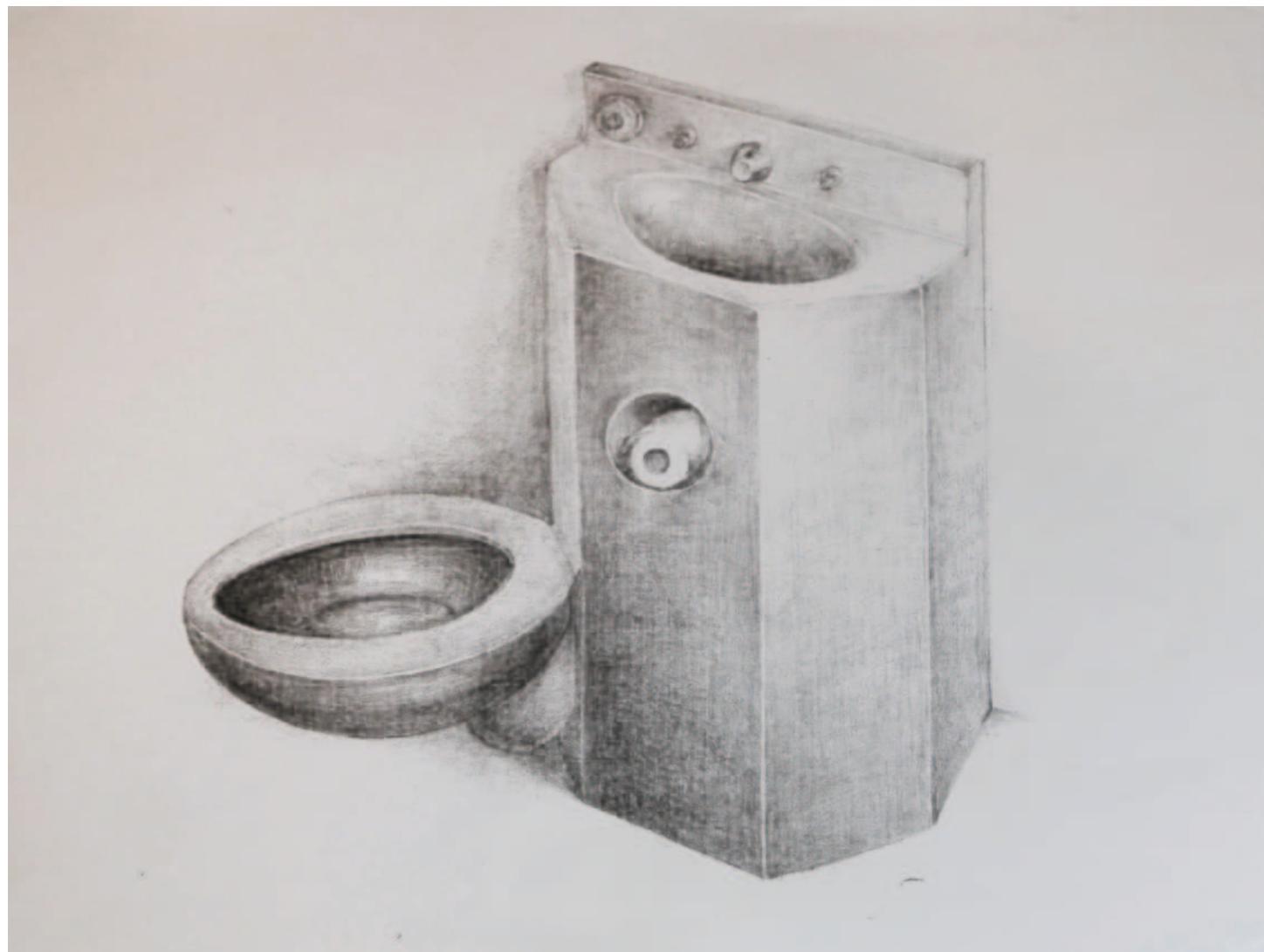
Ez. 36:26 A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you...

The just shall live by faith.

Those in old Testament times looked forward in faith towards Christ for salvation. We, of course, look back in faith, in the New Testament.

To all, in these modern times, as He was to those long ago, is the Lamb of God which takes away the Sins of the World John 3:16.

Then as soon as we sincerely give ourselves to Christ, Jesus, He gives us a new heart and the Holy Spirit. He also writes His law on our new heart. Heb. 8:10 ... I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people.



Rainbow ...

Lemons, limes, oranges
and cherries raining
from the sky.
The creation of wonder,
how and why.

Embracing on a
shoreline.

Looking back if only
a sigh.

Farewell...

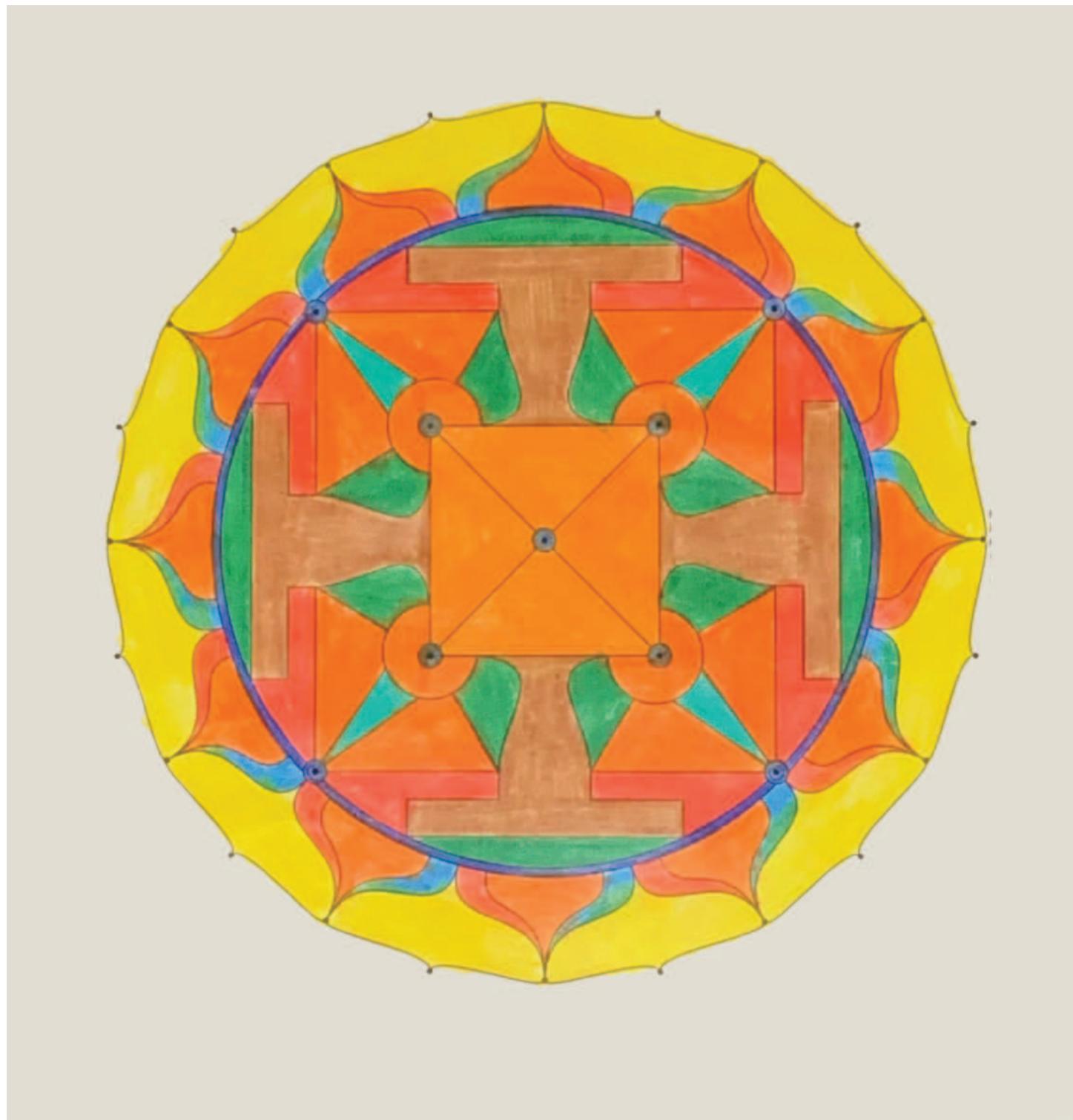
Nightbirds haunt your
dreams from on high.

~~The~~ new day unfolds

the dawning of the
morning lights

wild mountain flowers
flutter in the winds
of the bright blue
skies.





Incarcerated Thoughts

Once upon A Time I was
Influenced by Crime didn't see
the positives only the negatives I was Blind
but now I just turned twenty Nine
got Caught Slipping now im doing time
Yes I admit mistake's have been made
and I wish the price didn't have to be paid
but now I feel like im a Slave
B*^uck " In a C.S.C Maze
Just trying to find a better way
Out of this Cage & This Faze
So Sick and tired of playing this Game
So now its time to change
and make a better name
I've Only got myself to blame
A wise man Once said today is
history and tommorrows A Mystery
You know what it's only up to me
of what I want to be
and who I want to see
I was stupid I was my selfs Biggest Enemy
by living the life of a GEE
of the numbers ninesixteen
I thought I was complete
But really I was Beat.

Jan. 16, 2021

Ps. 95:3, The Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

Although the Godhead of Father, Son & Holy Spirit is the Great God of the Universe. Psalm 95:3 is a direct reference to God the SON, Jesus. How do I know this?

Psalm 110:1 The Lord said to my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Can David have 2 Gods? Psalm 110:1 certainly says so, with the first being greater than the latter.

Jesus makes it very clear in Matt 28:19 that God on the Godhead consists of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Jesus says in John 17:5 And now O Father, glorify me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

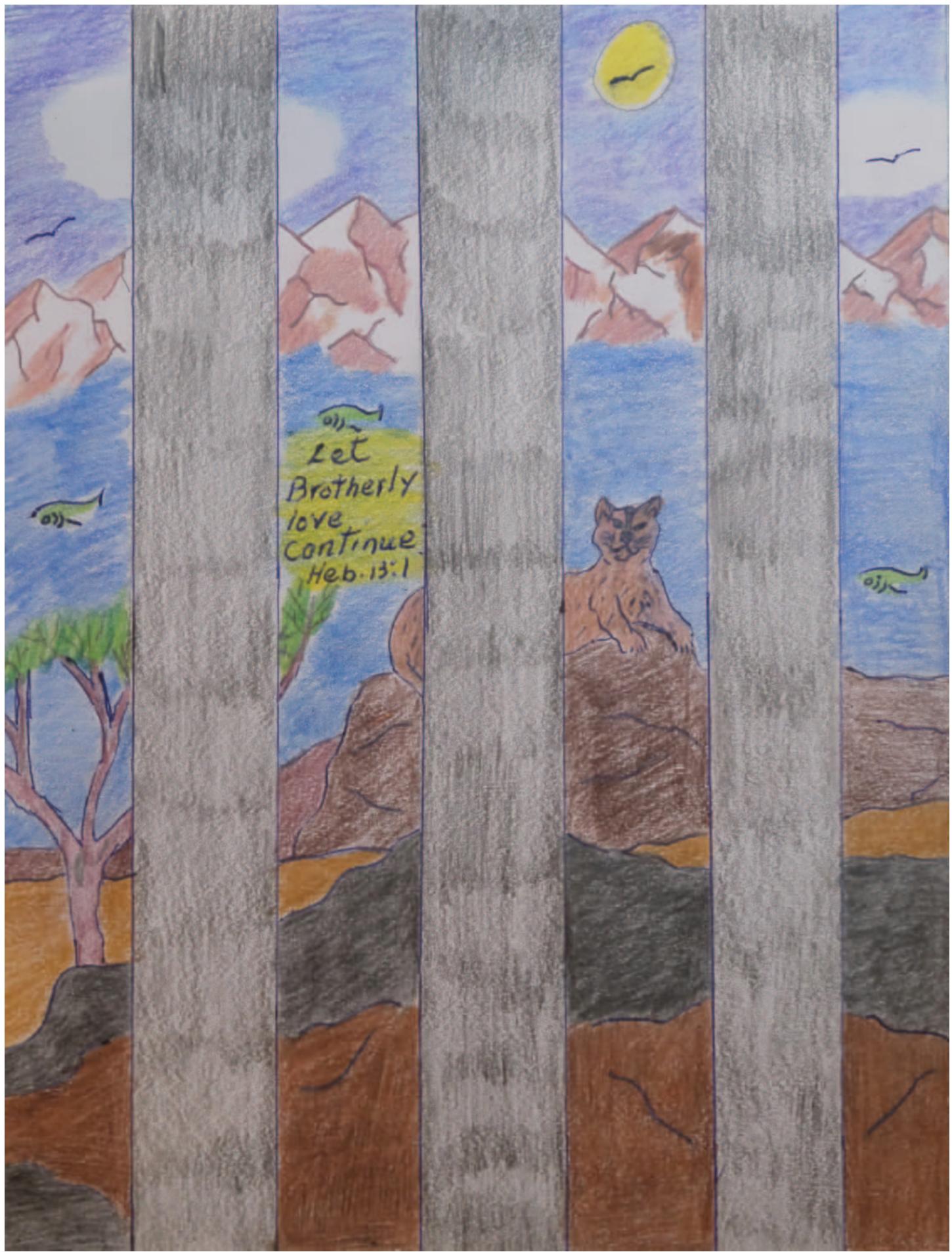
God also exalts His Son, Jesus: Heb. 1:8 But to the Son He saith, thy throne O God, is for ever and ever... speaking of Jesus: Col. 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Jesus is the Lord, God.











Jan. 18, 2021

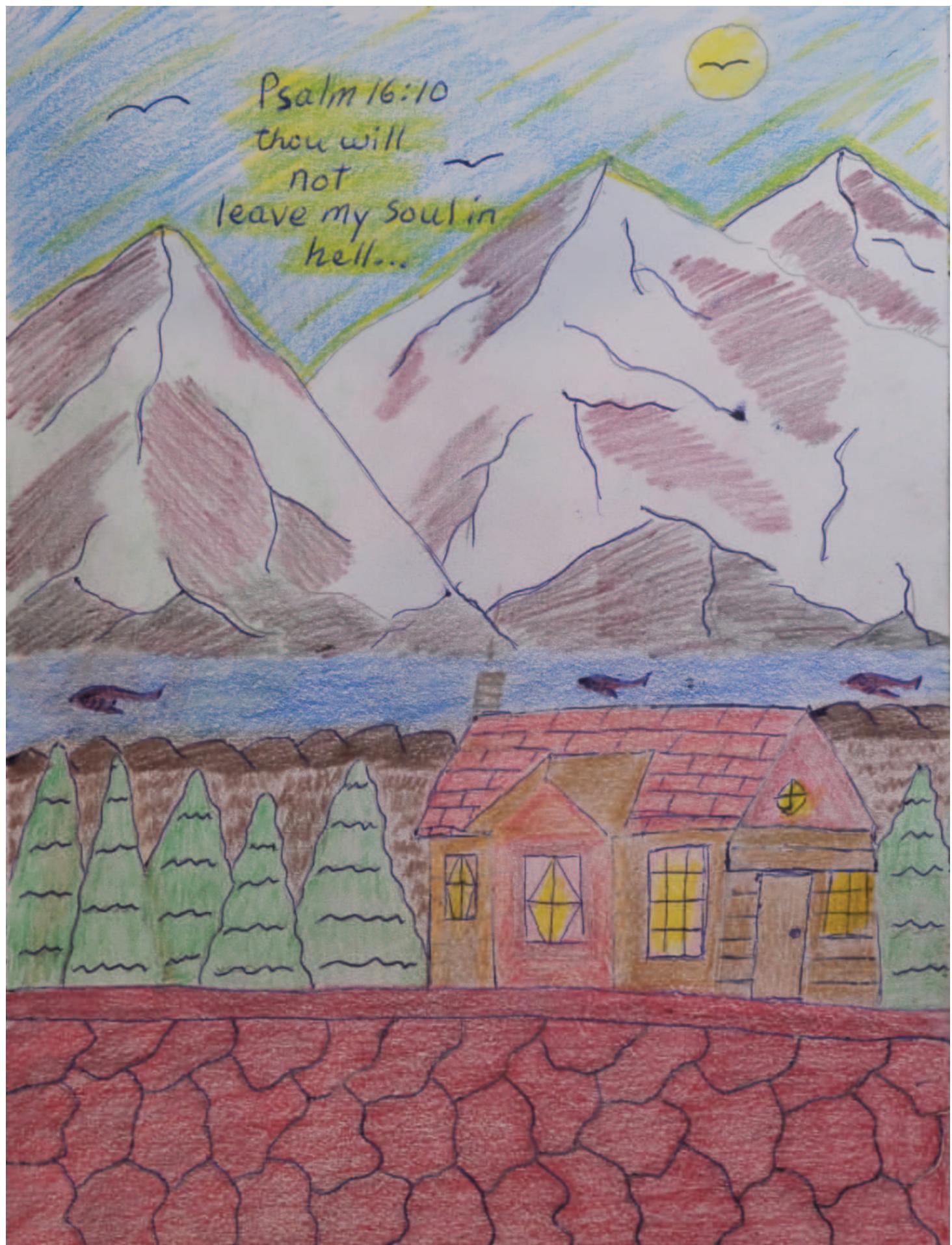
Heb. 13:1. Let Brotherly love Continue.

Christian unity is important to spiritual well being. Heb. 13:1 is a warning not to argue and pick apart one another, but to work at maintaining unity of the faith with both brothers and sisters. Ps. 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

With Satan and evil angels constantly working to bring God's righteous under sin, especially the sin of evil speaking and gossip, it is vital to heed the warning of Heb 13:1 to let brotherly and sisterly love in everything continue. The best way to do this is by speaking of their strengths and not their weaknesses. Reprove open sin, but not without sincerity and love.







Jan. 20, 2021

Psalm 16:10 For thou will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

There is 3 types of Hell spoken of in the Bible, the fire of Hell (the lake of fire) ~~and~~, a time of great distress that feels like hell and death.

Psalm 16:10 is referring to Christ in death or sleep. John 11:11,14 ... Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. 14) Then said Jesus to them plainly, Lazarus is dead. Jesus reveals the mystery of death as sleep. He will one day raise the dead as he did Lazarus.

Psalm 16:10 Jesus was raised the 3rd day by His Heavenly Father. After 3 days the body decays. Jesus was raised before corruption set in. Still, the old English used the word hell for both death/sleep.

Jonah said out of the belly of hell cried I. Jonah 2:2. So Jonah's hell was his impossible situation, the whale's belly. The 3rd Hell is Satan and the wicked's destination, the lake of fire. Rev. 20:15 who ever was not found written in the book of life was cast in the lake of fire. That's Hell. It.





Corjote . . .

Our corjote brother
will be singing us
all to sleep.
Howling at the moon
so dark and deep.
The day & night
beginning a peep.

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Jan. 16, 2021

Mark 16:16 He that believes and is Baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be damned.

Mark 16:16 is referring to Jesus Christ, God's son. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall never perish, but shall have eternal life.

John 1:29 The next day, John seeth Jesus coming to him, and said, behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world. Jesus is our sacrifice, for our sins, supplied by our Heavenly Father. Jesus took our hellish death to give us His eternal life. 1st John 2:1... if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

yes Jesus loves you. John 14:15 If you love Me, keep my commandments. He that believes, really believes in Jesus, will keep God's commandments.





teach your children that the ground
Beneath their feet is the ashes of our
grandfathers. So that they will respect
the land, tell your children that the
earth is rich with the lives of our kin.
teach your children what we have
taught our children—that the earth is.
our mother. Whatever befalls the earth,
befalls the sons of the earth... this
we know: all things are connected like
the Blood which unites one family.

-CHIEF SEATTLE (SEATHL),
DUWAMISH-SUQUAMISH. 1785-1866



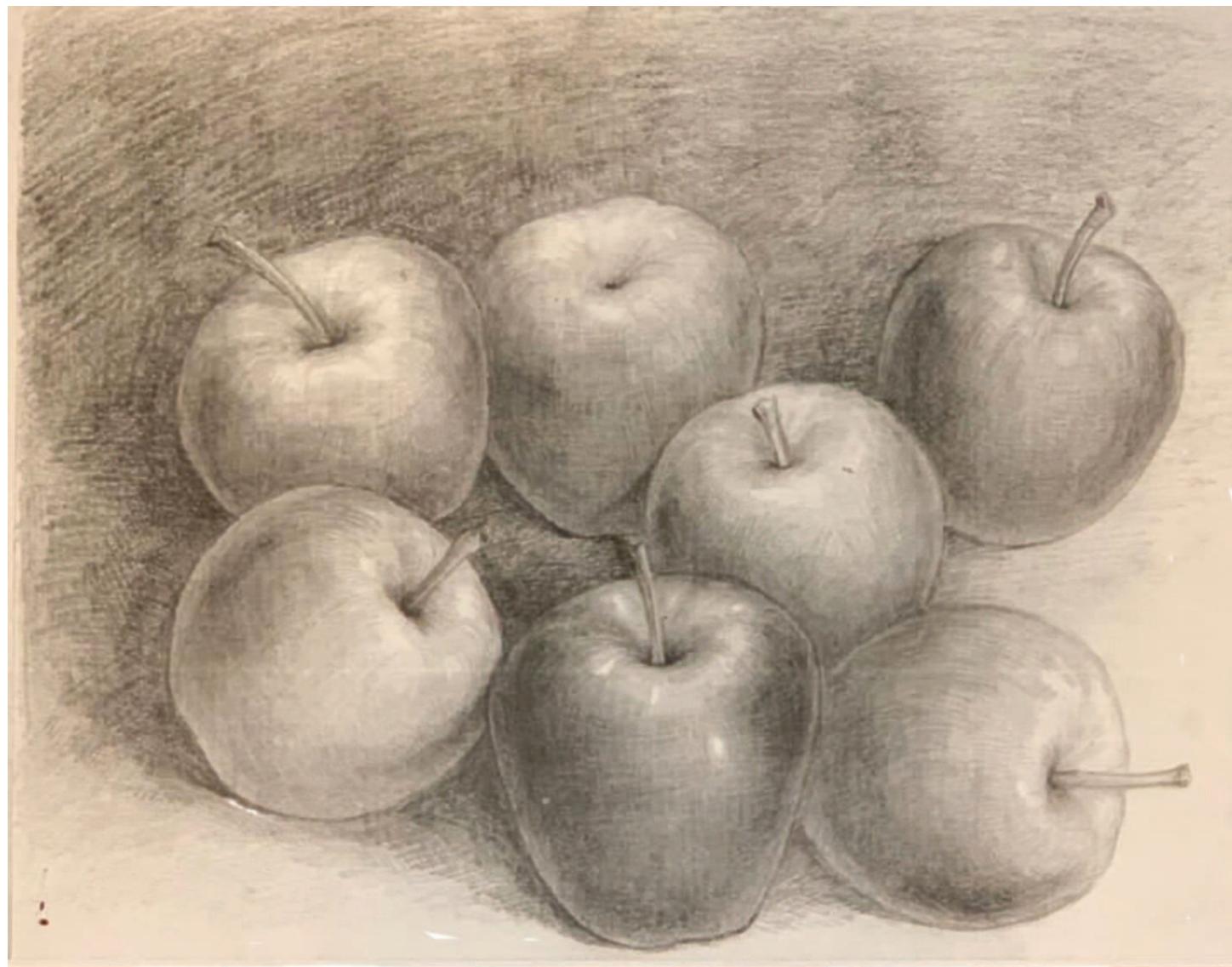




The treasure's found!



























Was, Is and Will Be

Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho

I remember how things use to be
Beautiful rivers, a clean smelling breeze
All of our people we were happy we were free
Whatever happened to our ways to our creed

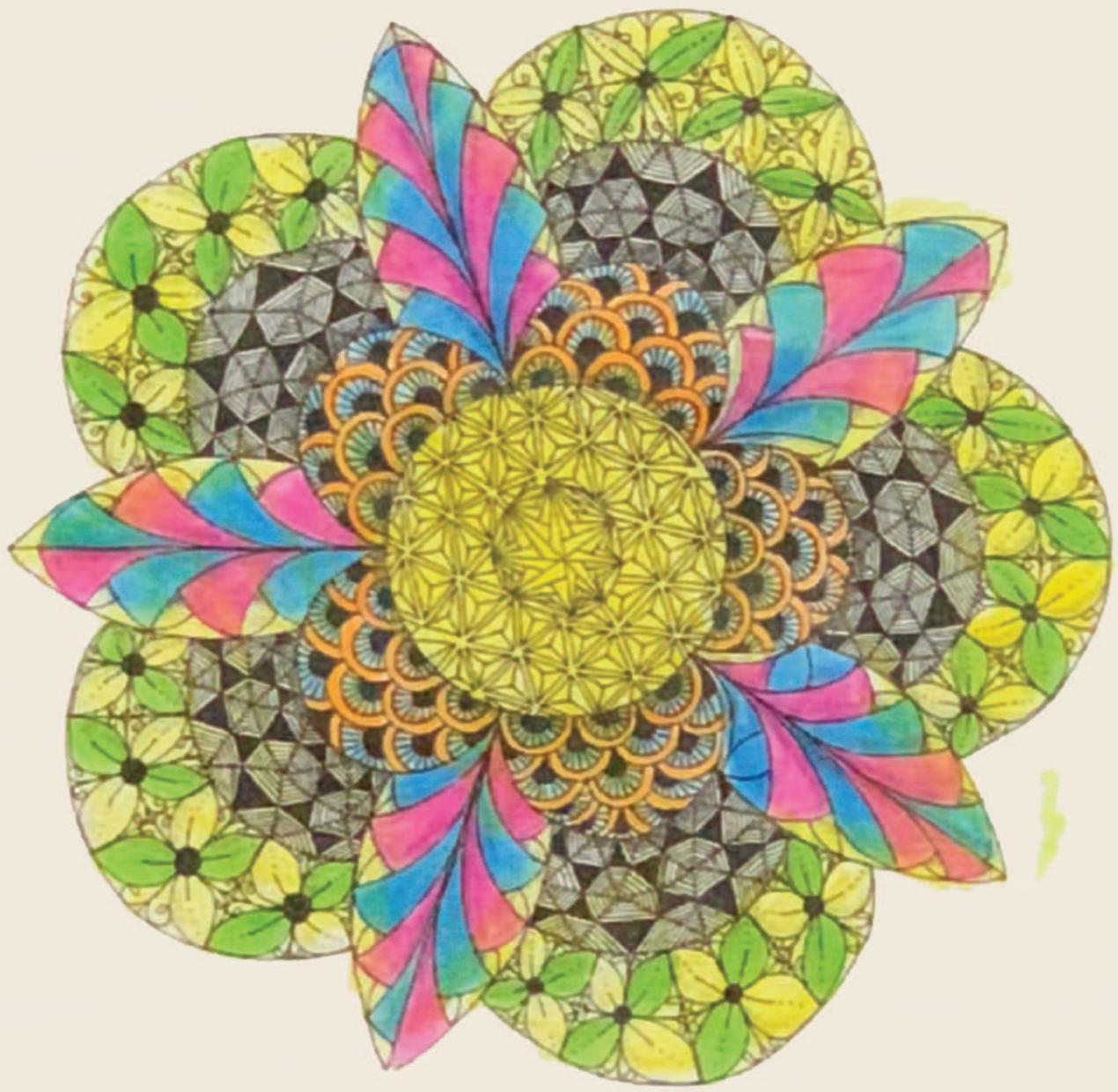
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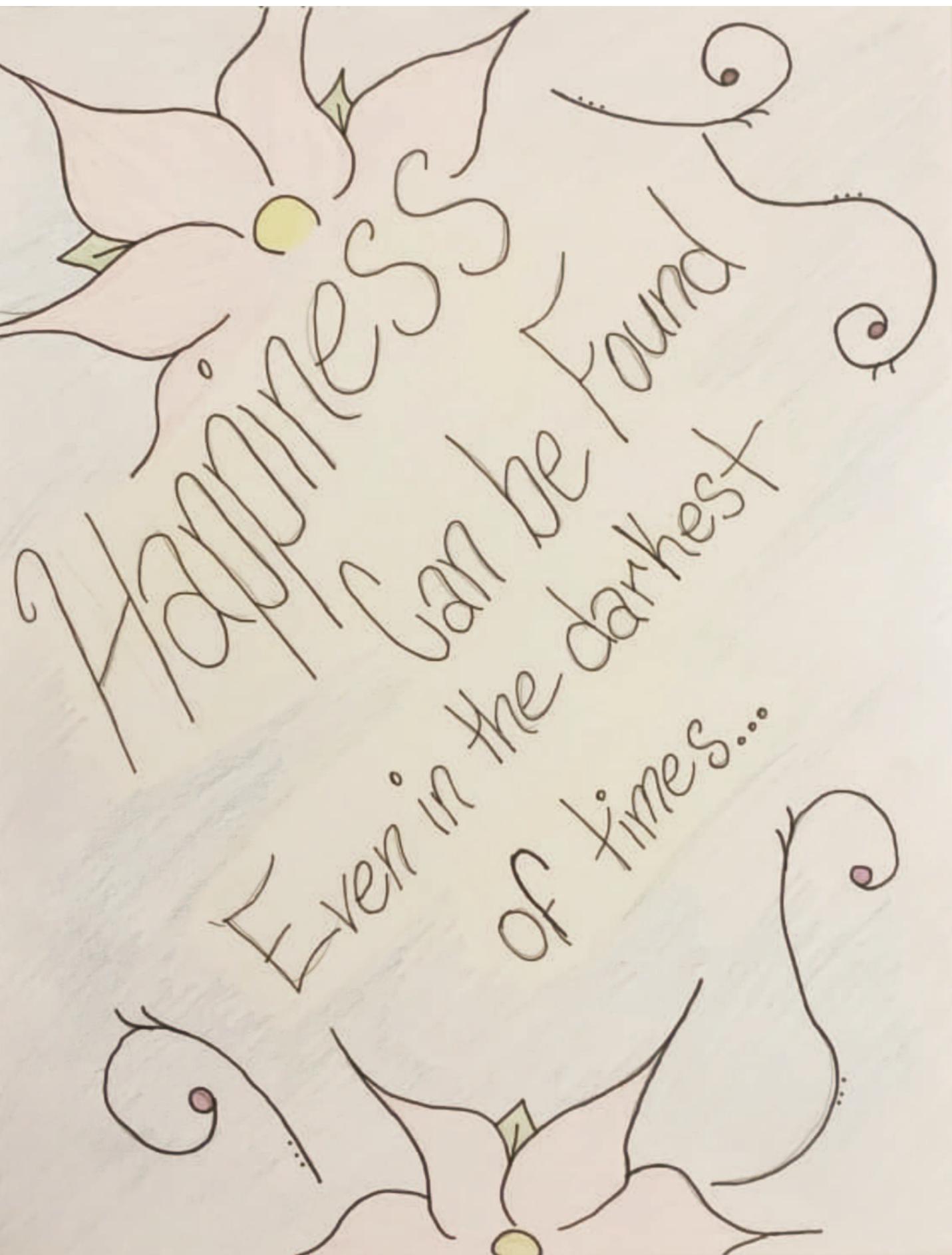
Help us Creator, help us to see
How to make it in the new world's industry

Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho

Thank You Creator, thank You for me
For showing me favor in a place yet to be

Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho
Hey-ya-hey-ya Hey-ya-hey-ya-ho







MERRY
X-MAS







O, Great Spirit

O, Great Spirit can you help me walk this road

Children are crying, women are dying, and men are on their own

O, Great Spirit can you help me walk this road

We've traded peace for war. Love for hate. Not being thankful for the day.
Don't you know we're all the same. It's not going to change. Why can't
you just accept our ways. It's not too late. We can start today. We can
make it to a brighter day.

O, Great Spirit can you help me walk this road

Children are crying, women are dying and men are on their own

O, Great Spirit can you help me walk this road

We've traded humble for pride. Truth for lies. Not wanting to make things
right. Don't you know we're all the same. It's not going to change. Why
can't you just accept our ways. It's not too late. We can start today. We
can make it to a brighter day.

O, Great Spirit can you help me fill this road

No more crying, no more dying and no more on our own

O, Great Spirit can you help me fill this road

Don't you know we're all the same. It's not going to change. We're
gonna make it to a brighter day.







This booklet (volume 2) was created in February 2022. We look forward to sharing more art and writing with you as we receive more from across the institutions and community sites.

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