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Peculiar Emagination

The name of the video is “Peculiar Emagination” because of the fact that these types of thoughts of suicide and depression are among everyone, but at the same time, it feels as though no one can speak about how they feel. Because in a sense everyone’s symptoms are different and theoretical. It wasn’t a goodbye like I hoped for it to be, but because of how theoretical I became when creating it. It gained its name “Peculiar Emagination” because it represented how I felt on the inside which was very indifferent from what I showed on the outside. You could almost say in a sense this could have been a video diary.

This video is about a female sibling’s perspective on her sister’s suicide. Each scene shows a different factor and symptom that leads to her sister’s death. With no words and only cue cards or words like every silent black and white film. The music is from the Corpse Bride’s “piano duet” as well as Coraline’s “Exploration”. The clips shown started out happy with a family being together and the sister, but the one who commits suicide isn’t shown in the starting video; which brings up the question of where is she. Is she dead and we are looking back on life with her? Or is the sister who killed herself the one recording her family?

As I forced myself to watch this video, I was in a sense horrified with myself for creating a video like this because it ended up not being the same video I wanted. It became its own stand-alone video that could not be presented with my “goodBye” series I was creating. But I knew I had to

continue with this video when I posted it and 10 minutes later I got a call from my mom asking if I tried to attempt committing suicide. I knew at that point, I brought out the meaning that some may never realize or feel.