



## dancing in the undertow



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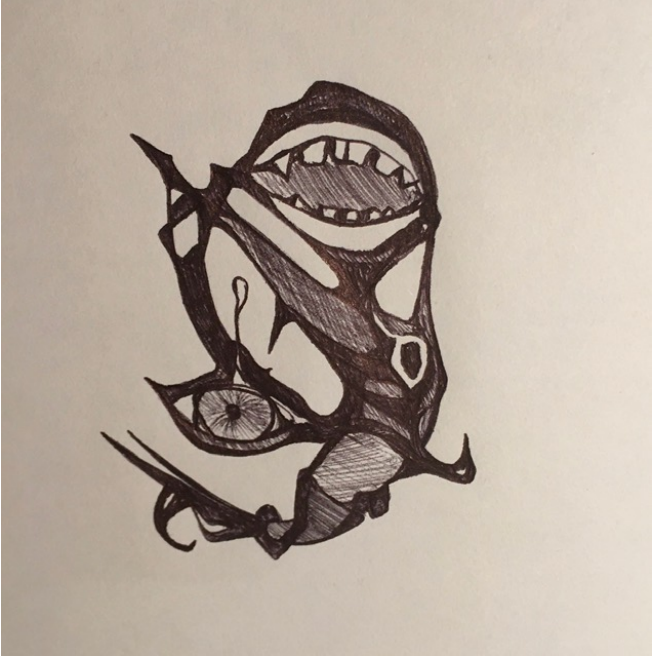
birds  
and butterflies  
dance  
above water  
and whale tails  
flipping  
in the desert

slow dancing  
with cacti

dancing  
in the undertow  
swirling twisting  
breathing below  
a canopy  
of foliage  
sensually

flowing  
guiding  
edging  
towards  
release

the arc rocks  
forwards and back  
inching ahead  
grasping  
for stability  
in a journey  
to survive  
the animals  
cling  
together  
in pairs  
motions  
of the pendulum  
are balanced  
on waves



a tear  
leaks  
onto my face

resisting  
the swipe  
i let it go

slowly  
rolling down  
across  
contours

i experience  
the wetness  
of a tiny stream

refreshed



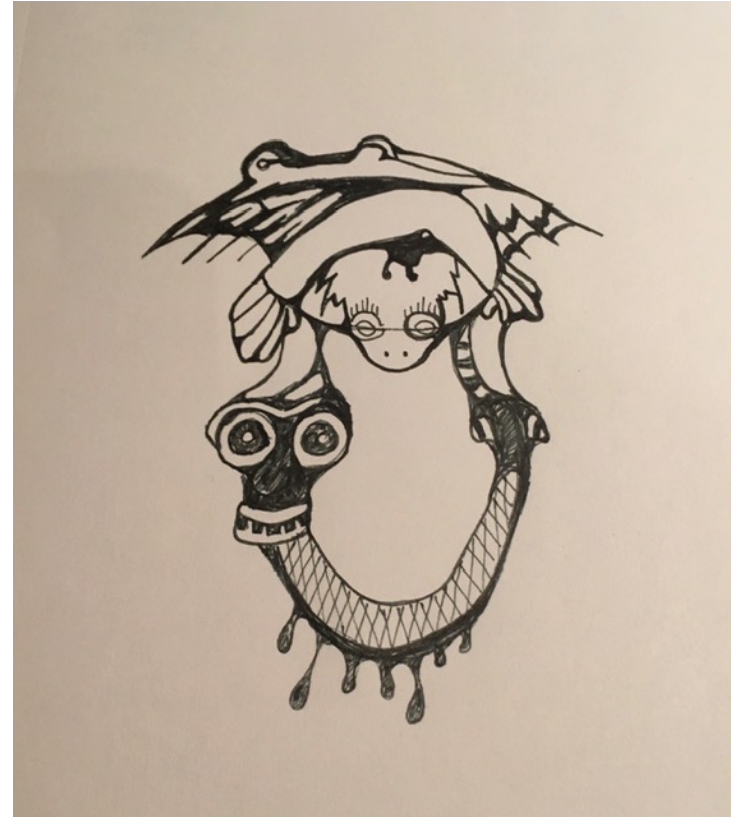


resting  
on surface tension  
maintaining  
a perception  
of calm  
eyes steadily  
gazing  
arms gathering  
encompassing  
sheltering  
chaos

the legacy  
of the past  
drags behind

shoulders  
stooped  
under  
the weight  
of the person  
you once were

slow steps  
steadily  
trudge ahead

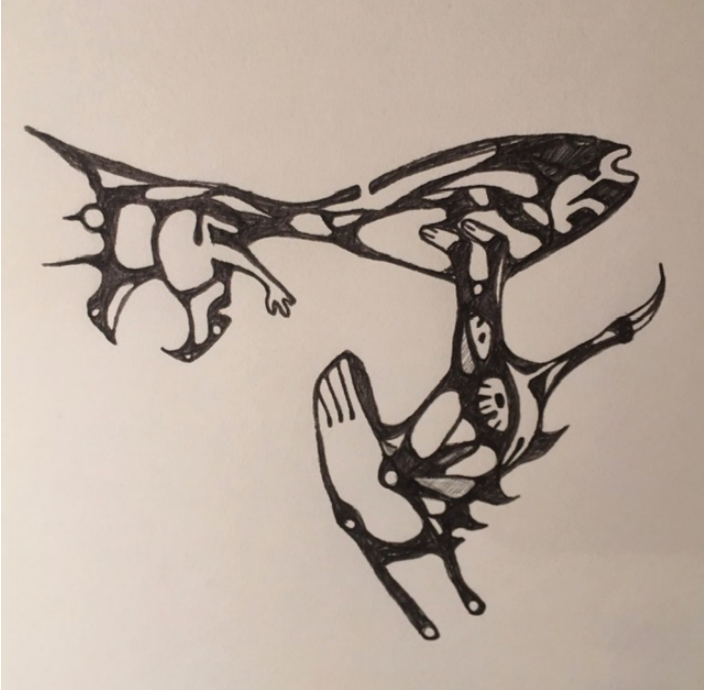


loose feet  
in the afterglow  
criss crossed  
at the end  
of the bed

warm breezes  
wipe  
between toes  
gently licking  
drying

two feet  
basking  
relaxed  
in the flow

two feet  
twitching  
eager  
to go







coming out  
of the anesthesia  
rising above  
the fog

bobbing  
on the horizon  
riding waves

bits  
of memory  
disjointed

perpetual  
motion  
see-sawed  
back and forth  
on a fulcrum  
birds  
dipping beaks  
into water  
fish gasping  
for air  
suspended  
momentarily  
releasing  
returning  
sharing time  
on the swing  
exploring  
experiencing  
others' sides

