

dancing in the undertow



A collaboration

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

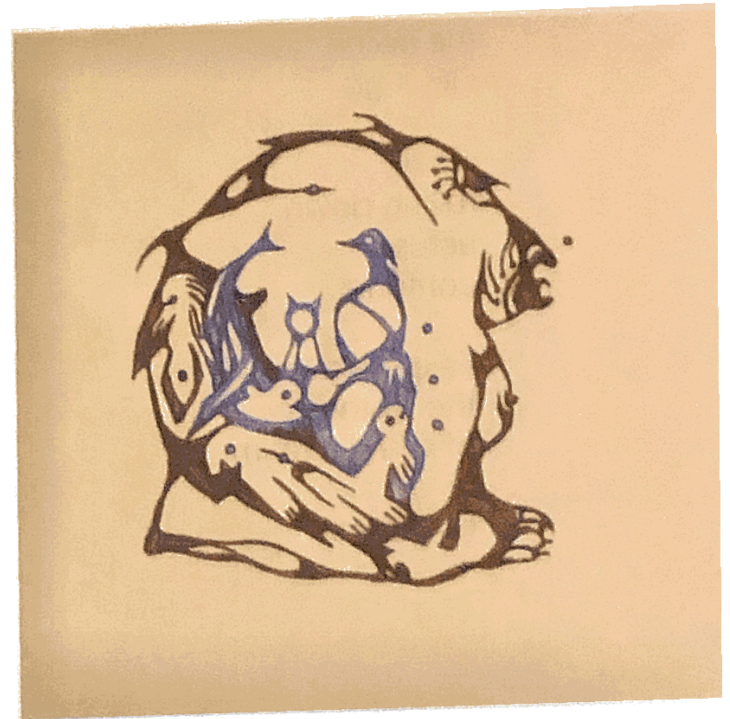
flowing
guiding
edging
towards
release

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



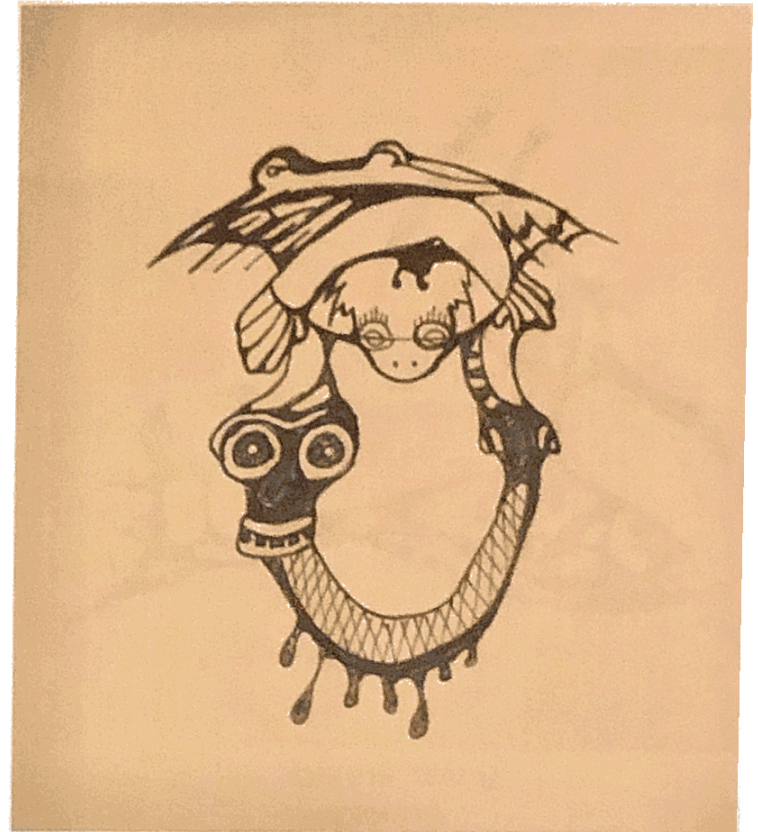
a tear
leaks
onto my face

resisting
the swipe
i let it go

slowly
rolling down
across
contours

i experience
the wetness
of a tiny stream

refreshed



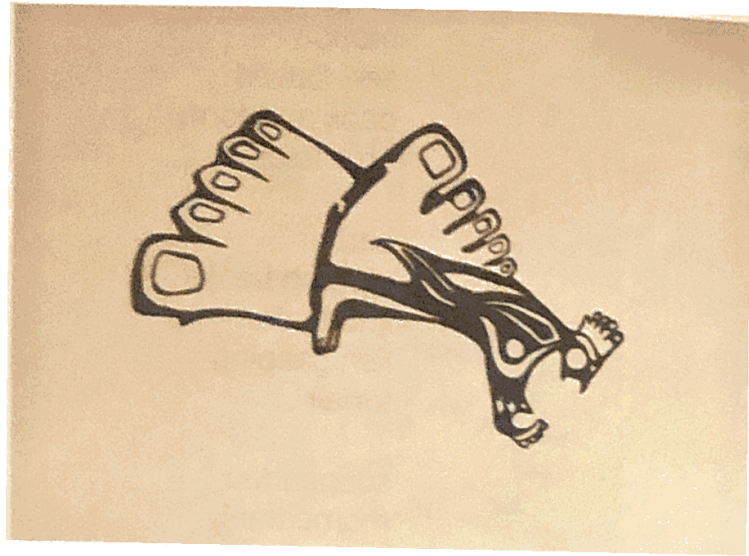


perpetual
motion
see-sawed
back and forth
on a fulcrum

birds
dipping beaks
into water
fish gasping
for air

suspended
momentarily
releasing
returning

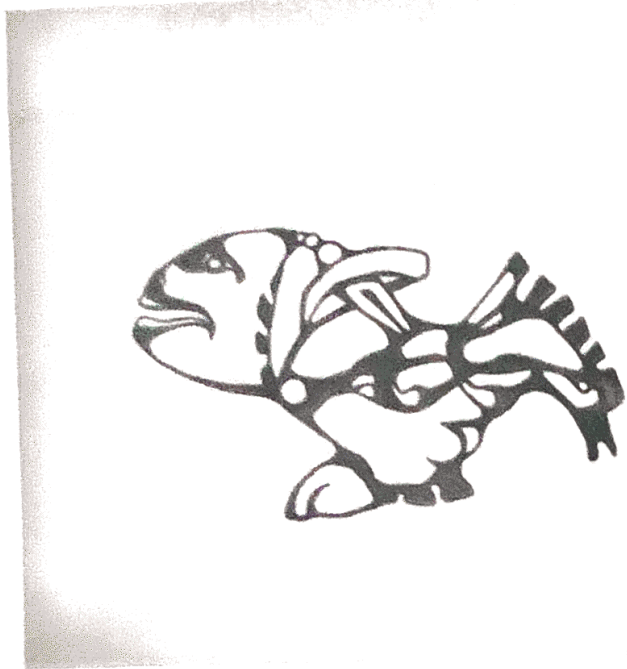
sharing time
on the swing
exploring
experiencing
other's sides



coming out
of the anesthesia
rising above
the fog

bobbing
on the horizon
riding waves

bits
of memory
disjointed



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

warm breezes
wipe
between toes
gently licking
drying

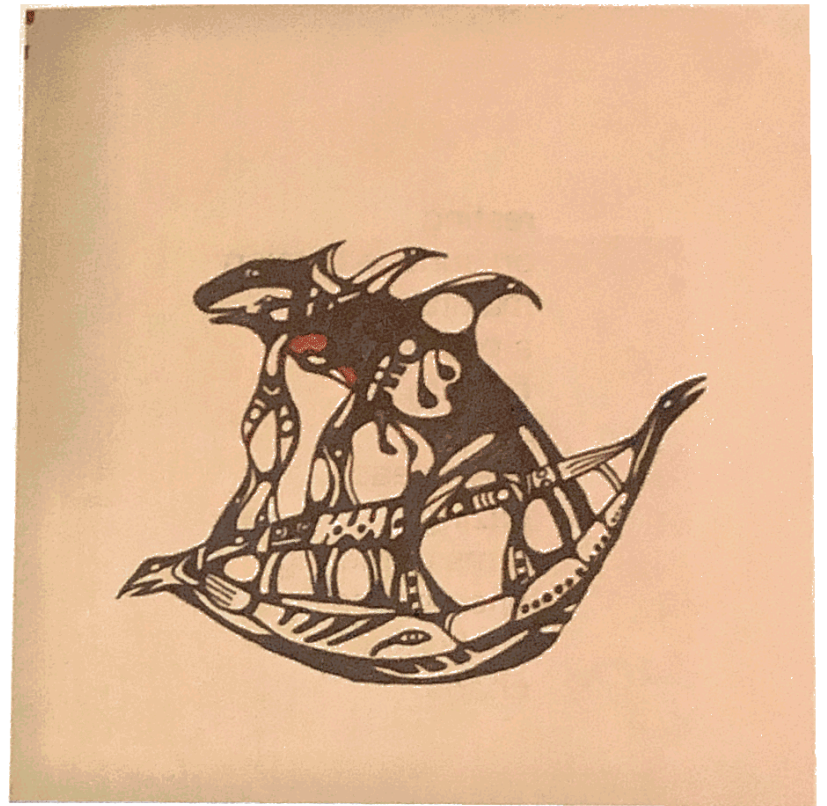
two feet
basking
relaxed
in the flow

two feet
twitching
eager
to go

the legacy
of the past
drags behind

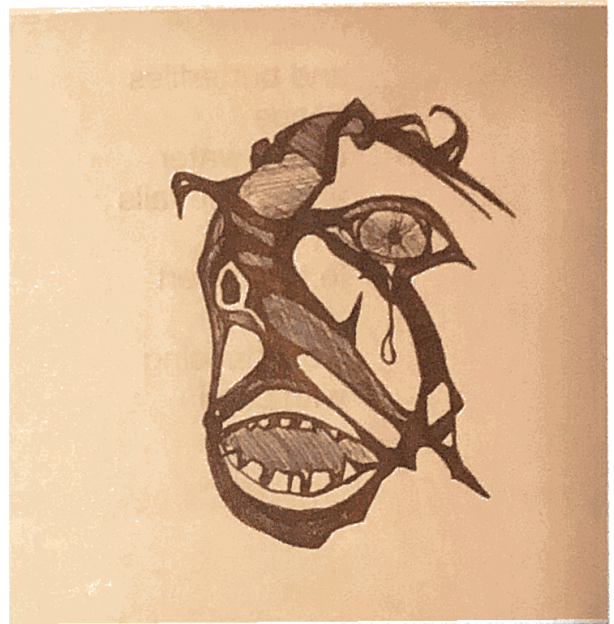
shoulders
stooped
under
the weight
of the person
you once were

slow steps
steadily
trudge ahead



resting
on surface tension
maintaining
a perception
of calm

eyes steadily
gazing
arms gathering
encompassing
sheltering
chaos



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

slow dancing
with cacti





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