Process Document

Project 3: MacEwan Book of the Year

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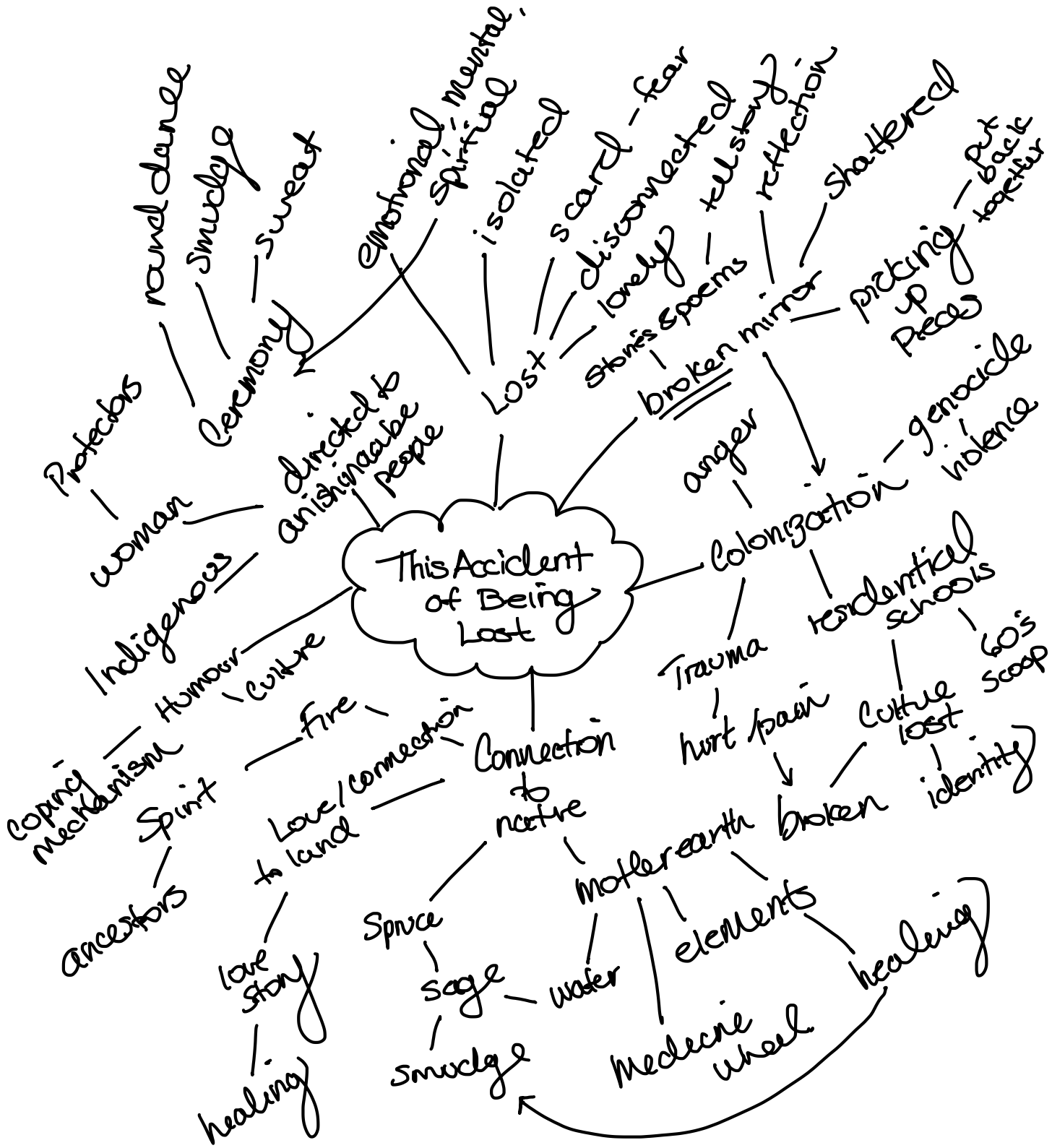
Mind Map


This Accident of Being Lost
Protectors
round dance
smudge
sweat
ceremony
emotional, mental, spiritual
isolated
scared - fear
disconnected
lonely
twisted story
reflection
shattered
putting back together
Pieces
broken mirror
Stories/poems
Lost
directed to Indigenous people
woman
anishinaabe people
anger
Colonization - genocide
violence
residential schools
60's scoop
Culture lost
identity
Trauma
hurt/pain
broken
Indigenous
Humour
culture
coping mechanism
Spirit
fire
ancestors
Love/connection to land
Connection to nature
love story
healing
Spruce
sage
smudge
water
Mother earth
elements
Medicine wheel
healing

Notes:

- Process of healing, telling anishinaabe stories & struggles
  - ↳ directed to Indigenous people → anishinaabe
- Intimate feel to book
  - ↳ vulnerability
- Ancestors → good things in life → love
  - ↳ culture
  - ↳ land
  - ↳ family
- Feeling lost → "finding home"
- "you never set out to being lost"
- home = feeling of love, safety, empathy, caring, connected
  - ↳ bush → connection to land.
- Decolonizing
- close relationship to land
- Indigenous life → unapologetic way
- colonialism → looking in mirror & mirror being smashed
  - ↳ put reflection back together
    - ↳ similar to stories.

- Ceremony / culture → calming & grounding.
- Anger → healthy response

Themes:

- putting back together → picking up pieces
- colonization → decolonization
- Anger / hurt
- healing → directed to anishinaabe / Indigenous people
- Humour → coping / cultural
- recognition
- Fragments

Characters:

- various characters
- nature → embody person
  - ↳ e.g. water → tree
    - ↳ woman

Words:

- nature
- anger
- isolation
- Lost
- broken
- disconnected
- reflection
- broken
- loss
- connection
- spirit
- love
- togetherness

Anger → healing
Reflection → healing
humour → healing → decolonization
colonization → broken → anger
Anger → love
Colonization → pain → love

Quotes from book:

- "i breathe it out
you breathe it in" (page 9)

- "i am writing to tell you
that yes indeed
we have noticed
you have a new big pink eraser
we are well aware.
you are trying to use it.
erasing Indians is a good idea
of course" (pg. 25)

↳ "& we can all move on we can be
reconciled except, I am graffiti..."

↳ "then we were erased.
except, I am graffiti.
except, mistakes were made.

- " we don't have to plan for the win
because we always lose
anyway " (pg. 33)

- " I remember what you said to me in that
dream. Its worth it. Don't ever think its
not worth it. I know you love me; I just
can't feel it, remember? " (pg. 36)

- " Just I love you as you are right now in
this breaking moment " (pg. 37)

- " i'll stand at the foot of your lake
i'll wait in the grass while you take it too far
i'll give you the keys to all the canoes
i'll sing to you, until you sing back"
(pg. 42)

- " there's red on the ice of the lake
there's bruises that never heal
there's past collapsing on present
she took things I didn't know you could
steal " (pg. 47)

↳ "sometimes it's ok to feel that way
you whisper "

↳ " i'll let your warmth seep into my bones
i'll let your light strip away the dark
i'll let your spring suffocate my winter
i'll let you fill the holes in my bark.

- "I'm drowning in peacefulness and calm, and there is a knife of deep sadness being forcefully pulled out from deep in me" (pg. 53)

↳ "Because this is how our Ancestors would have wanted it"

- "They used our sweet, sweet grass to smudge away hurt." (pg. 58)

- " bruised bodies
dry skin
hurt ribs
dehydrated rage" (pg. 69)

Ideas/3 Poster Quotes

Anger → Colonization

① I am writing to tell you that yes indeed we have noticed you have a new big pink eraser

(page. 25)

→ we are well aware you are trying to use it. erasing indians is a good idea of course

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then we were erased. except I am graffiti. except mistakes were made

Reflection → Healing

② I remember what you said to me in that dream. It's worth it. Don't ever think it's not worth it. I know you love me; I just can't feel it, remember?

→ i breathe it out you breathe it in

or

I'm drowning in peacefulness and calm, and there is a knife of deep sadness being forcefully pulled out from deep in me

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They used our sweet, sweet grass to smudge away hurt.

Healing → Reflection

③ They used our sweet, sweet grass to smudge away hurt

↳ i'll let your warmth seep into my bones

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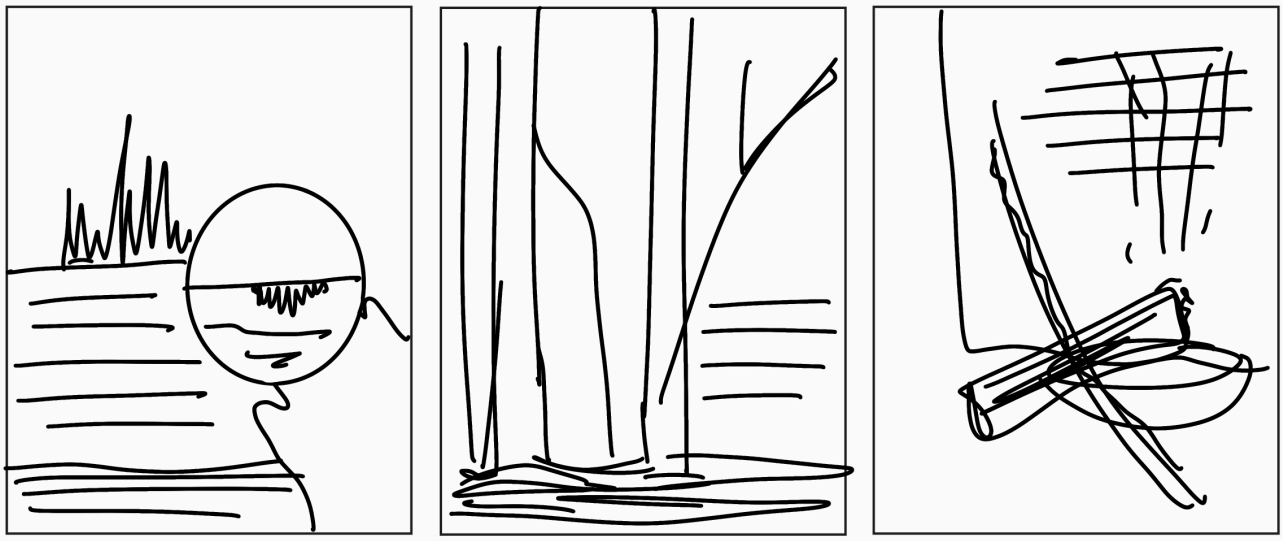
↳ Because this is how our ancestors would have wanted it

Sketches

① First concept | Anger → colonization → strength
Nature
woman - ribbon skirt
② Version One
I breathe it out.
you breathe it in
words in smoke
② Version Two
"Im drowning in Peacefulness and calm ..."

② Version 3



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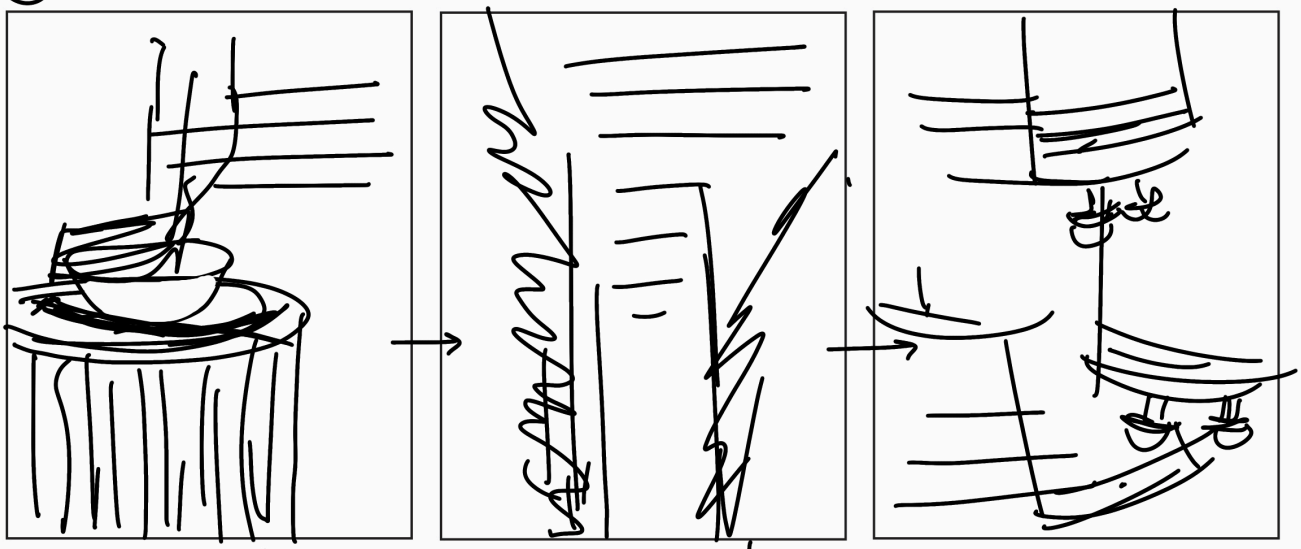

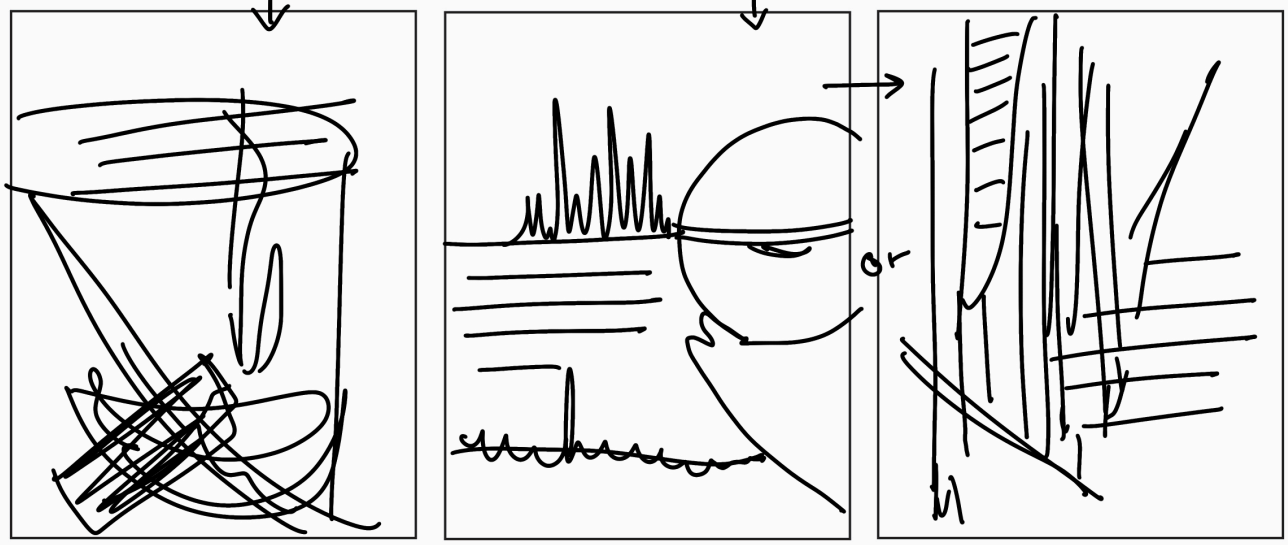

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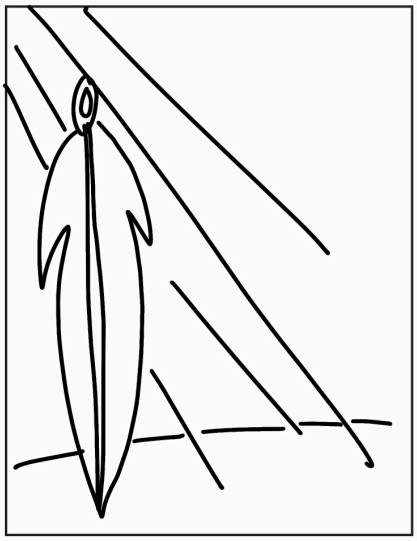

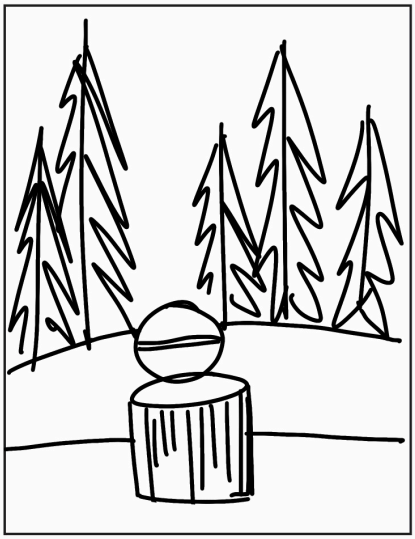

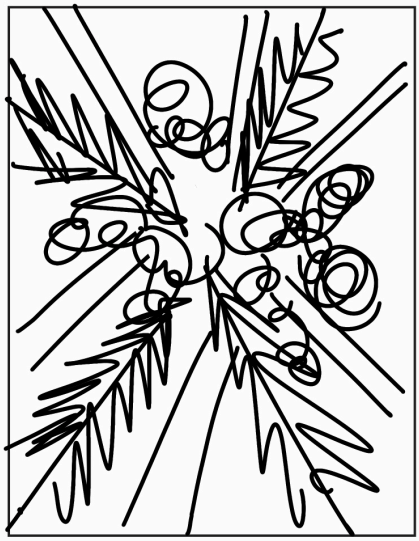

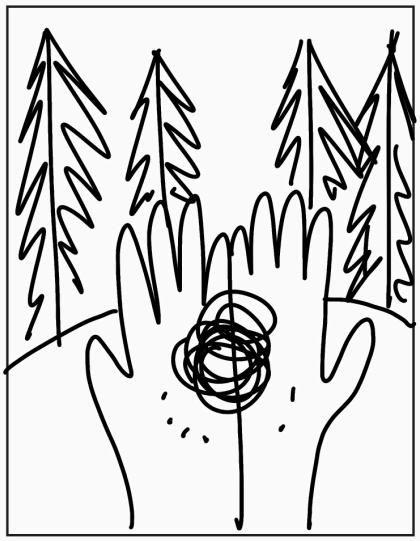

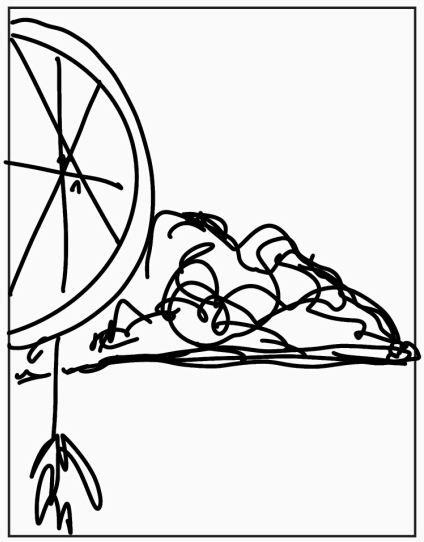

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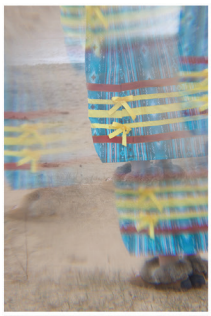
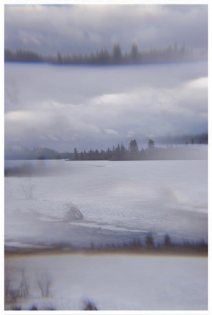
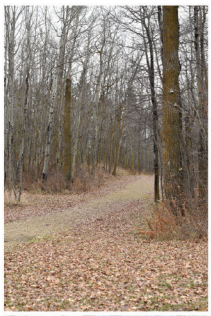
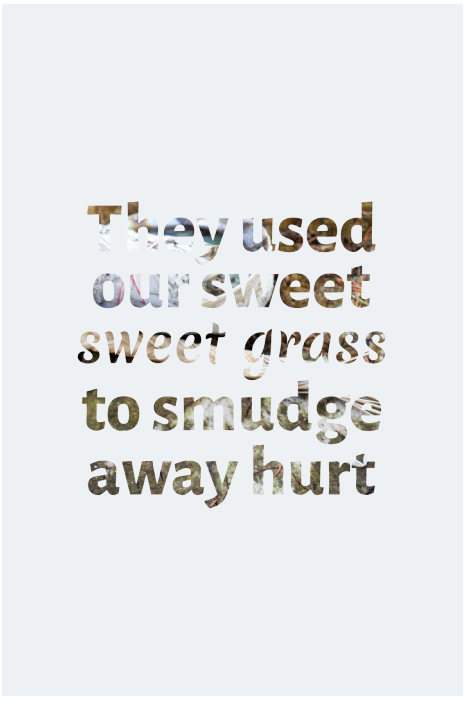


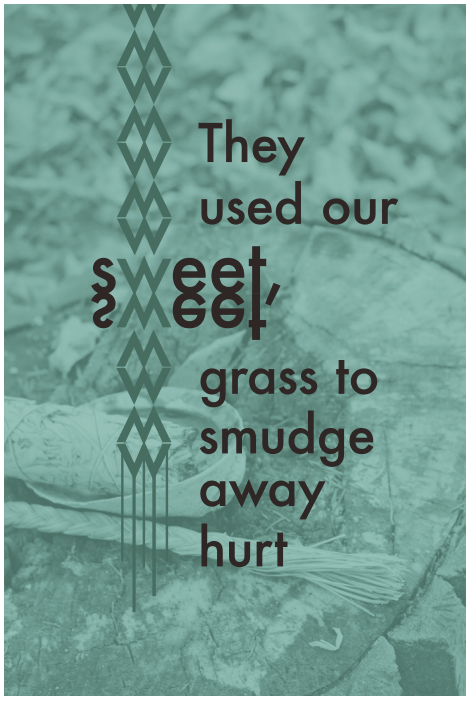


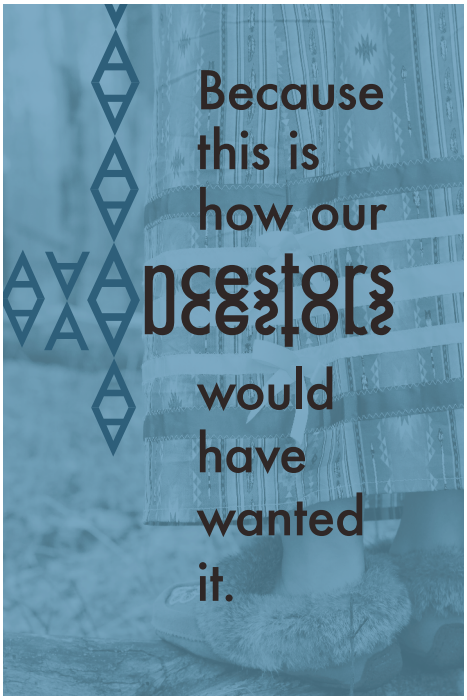


First Critique

Other variations/Critique 2



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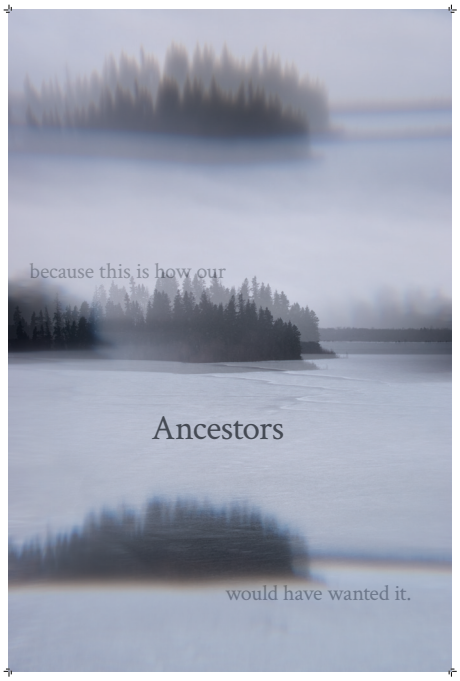

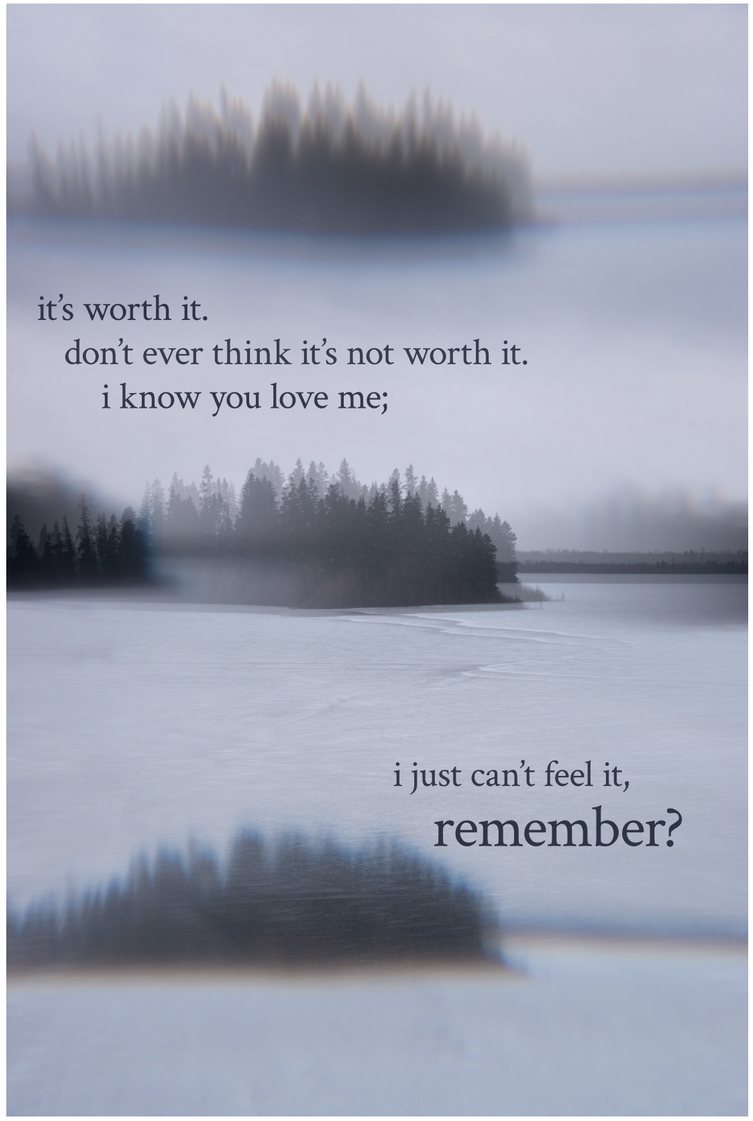
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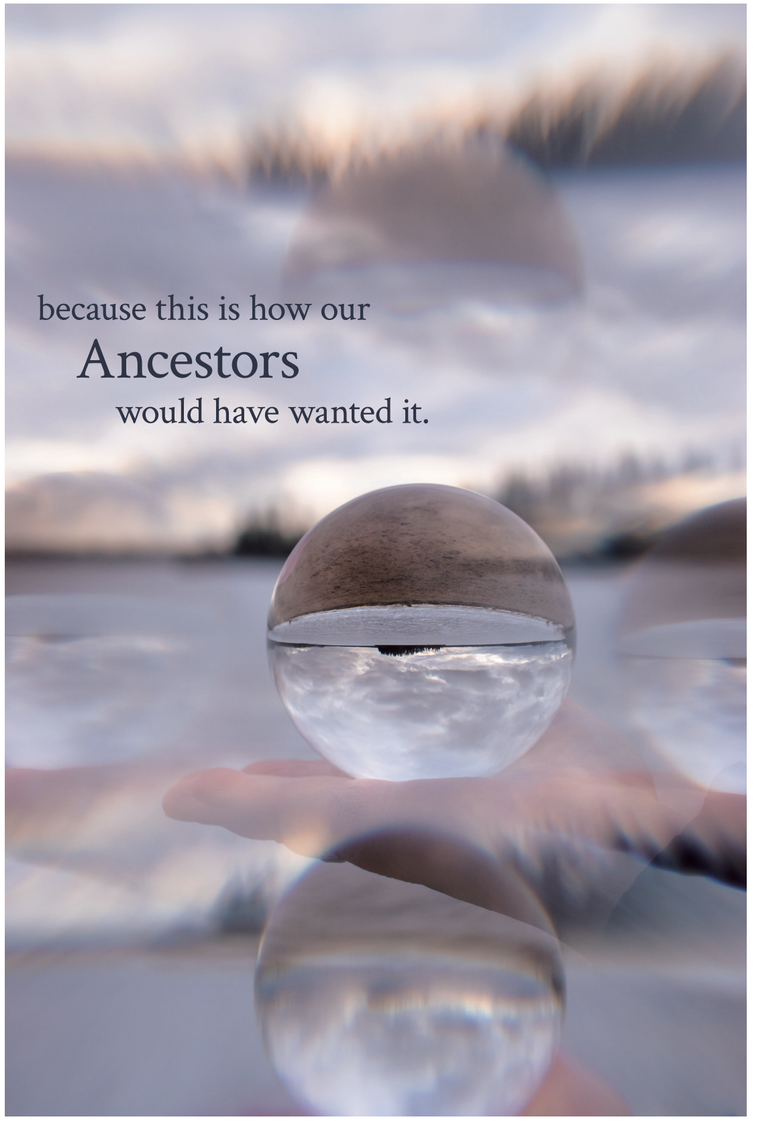
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