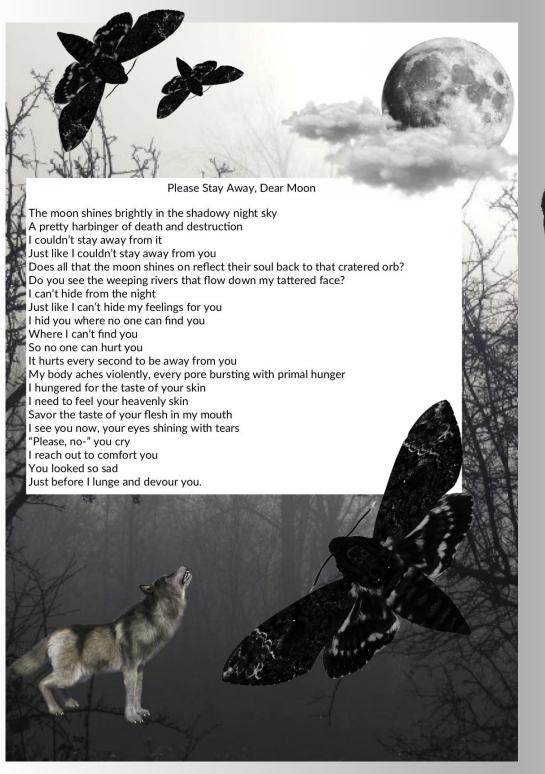
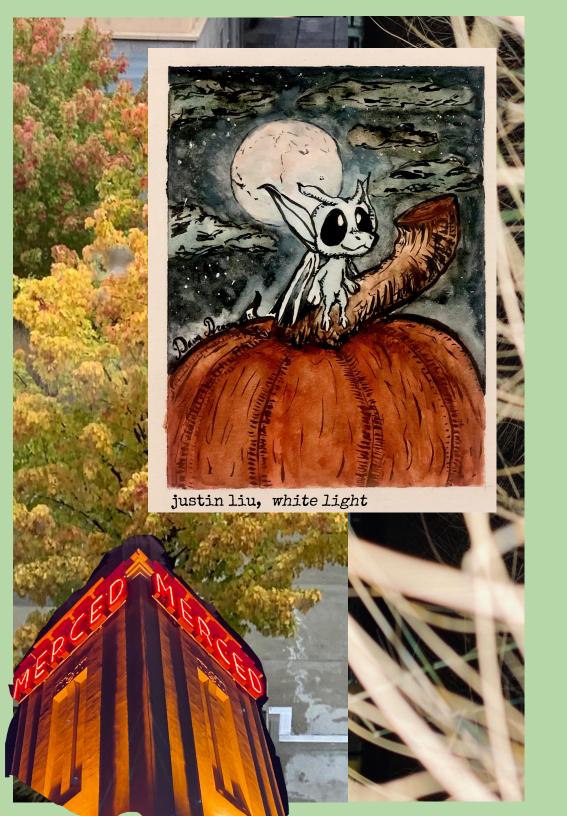


v. barajas, undead beauties









mahea larosa \uparrow karen guevara \downarrow



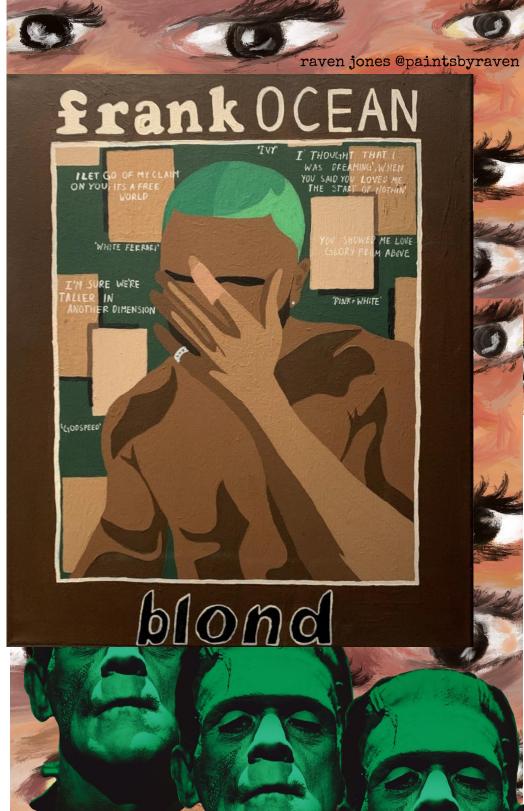
Where Happiness Resides Matthew Alvarez

My happiness does not depend on you
Rather, it is found in the kindnesses that I do
From the first hello, to the last goodnight
I share a deep love for all those in sight
My happiness is encapsulated in the snapshots of life
Simple sweet moments that help heal internal strife
From the first minute, to the last moment
All things bound together in memory
The most dearest component









hold your breath

we're going through the tunnel again the windows are down and the wind is blowing right through me,

don't scream.

my mom reminds me,

it makes my head hurt.

it's time to hold my breath now,

but i know i can hold it through every tunnel.

the car lights are flashing as the honking gets louder and louder

it's dark.

and this is the most i've ever felt alive, this is the most i've ever felt safe, in this amount of danger.

and i know i can hold it through every tunnel.

it's almost gone too quickly.

the quick suction of air, the quick wind that passes,

but i know i can hold it, i always hold it i always hold that moment.

i hold my breath again through another tunnel.





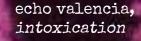
shani campbell





i can see the desperation in the frayed edges of your skin... outside of this, you are nothing, a crumpled curling concave outline of fear, something almost, the permanent understanding in the pit of your stomach, stagnant vibrations of mauve, rippling and bouncing off one another... you'll be alright now. you wonder how to be intimate in your retreat, when you breathe in the never-ending night, revel in the light, shared, through fingertip passageways, closeness, and burnt out touches... leaving behind all this weight, to grapple, unsteady in the novelty





selim yilmaz, am a mess



esteban correa, a spooky feast

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