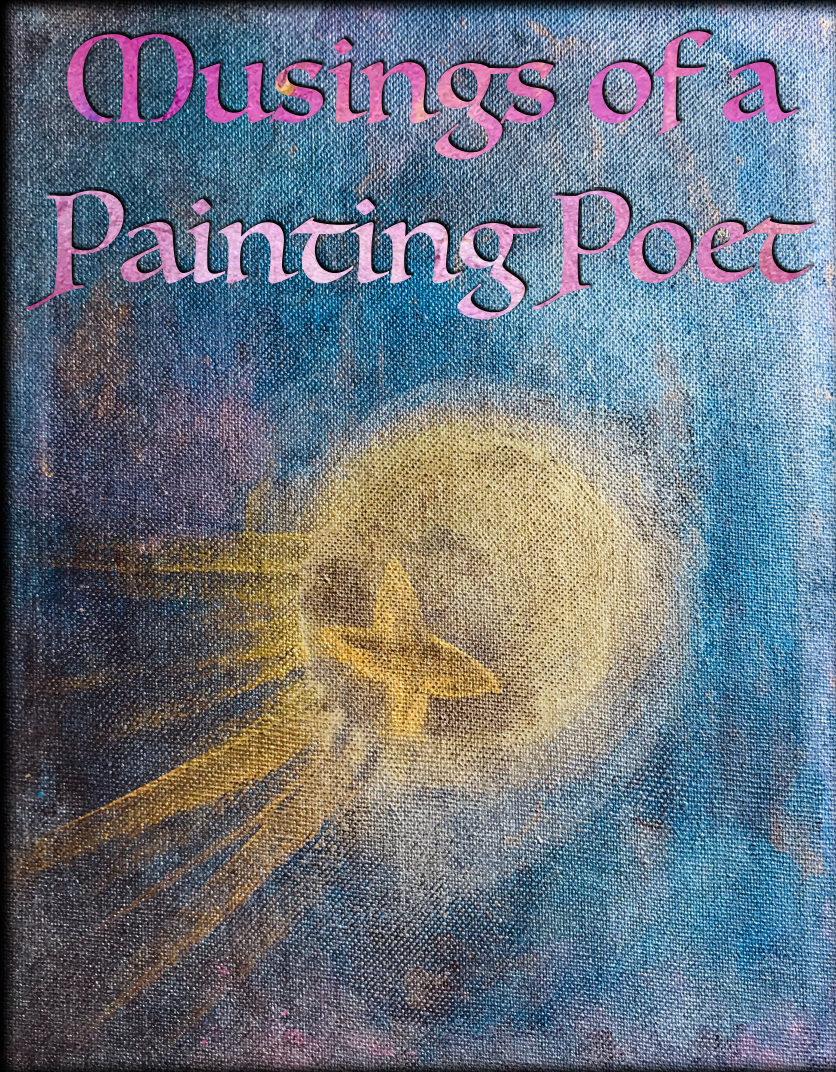


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*Outside under the canopy of the sky  
that's where magic meets the eye*



✱2✱

Drama free the pre-dawn page  
Where the moon laughs at my age

~

*If you think five decades is old  
You haven't met my friends, Moongold  
By the time they pass  
in other worlds  
Yours is child's-play or so I've heard*

~

So here's the thing, my ancient muse  
some such beings I have seen  
If their realms are worth being in  
why do they often visit ours

~

*'Tis not because of this, nor that  
compulsion is in power possessed  
to influence the aesthetic  
with a touch of real magic*

✳️3✳️

*In the great blue and white  
wings and crowns are made of light*



✱4✱

Is there a crown more beautiful  
than one that is blessed  
by moon and stars  
and sun at its best

A crown that boasts a mystical shine  
One that changes color with time  
Emerald or garnet, take your pick  
Golden yellow or pearly pink  
A crown that doesn't have to be  
bound by any rule of symmetry  
Is there another monarch that grows  
a crown like that of a spirit filled tree

✧5✧

*Toward the hills, mine eyes do lift  
and angels flock to assist*



✱6✱

Statuesque, chiseled by weather  
Ivory when sunbeams find her  
Of such a queen, I enquire  
What do you ask of me?

~

*I have watched you as a girl  
Before you saw into my world  
Now that we are face to face  
Your brush may depict my grace*

~

Luminous lady of the woods  
If I had known we would meet  
I might have learned to paint  
better than this

~

*Despair not, for lack of skill  
The gift is yet asleep within  
Let the snowy clouds aloft  
Summon the atavistic craft*



✧7✧

Imagine an orchard in the sky  
where pathways merge  
instead of divide



At the open gate  
we leave our load  
and dance along the cherry road

✱8✱

Beyond the distant shore  
A wall of trees aglow  
Drawing the beach bound  
To follow an arc of arrows  
Dragonflies on duty  
Their chief a forest deity

✱9✱

Golden frills and furbelows  
Butterflies chase wild conejos  
Frost biting at her toes  
The plum tree waits for Helios

✱10✱

Is passion magenta or crimson  
Fiery sunset or candid floral  
Passion certainly abounds in autumn  
But is passion only for a season



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There's a genie called Azure  
who wraps himself  
around the crags  
and stamps the ocean floor  
Only because his fair maiden  
is falling like snow  
over some foreign prince  
oh what an uproar  
Spitting out rocks of wrath  
lava he must hurl  
Woe to the man who steals  
another man's girl

\*12\*

If we had met for more than a moment  
over coffee to discuss bird photography  
I like to think you would've divulged  
how you found that blue angel  
sitting pretty on a branch  
And I would've told you  
a pretty amazing story  
about another kind of angel  
with a dispatch from heaven



✱13✱

*Brilliant apertures in the sky  
Affirmations, the heart knows why*



\*14\*

Peridot I spot  
a regency hat...  
hermosa, hermosa  
sings the heart

hush, look away  
the pragmatic says  
it's only a shape  
in the underbrush

her muse, her muse  
the enigmatic chorus  
is that not a familiar guise  
wishing on my paintbrush

✱15✱

*From seed of hope to bud of life  
nurtured by the hands of time*





✱ 16 ✱

Lord, I turn to Thee  
and there's a psalm in a tree  
A portrait of hope just waiting for me

✱ 17 ✱

Peach patch in the sky  
ballerina pose  
how long before it becomes  
a flock of flamingos  
Out struts cupid  
upholding silver bow  
where will the nifty arrow land  
far far below

✱18✱

Where do angels hang out the most  
up there in the clouds of course



When they do show up on earth  
I like to think they take the rainbow road

\*19\*

Snowdrops fall from her hand  
gracing the barren land  
Tiny blossoms for a time appear  
signaling the Madonna is near  
When out of the chaos  
her face emerges  
Trees bow down  
their praise wordless

\*20\*

Muses of the morning walk  
purely red and glory be  
leaves to match an open heart  
the Creator's poetry

\*21\*

When it rains  
all of the sun's mischief  
gets washed away  
and there remains a clean slate  
for certain fairies who return to play



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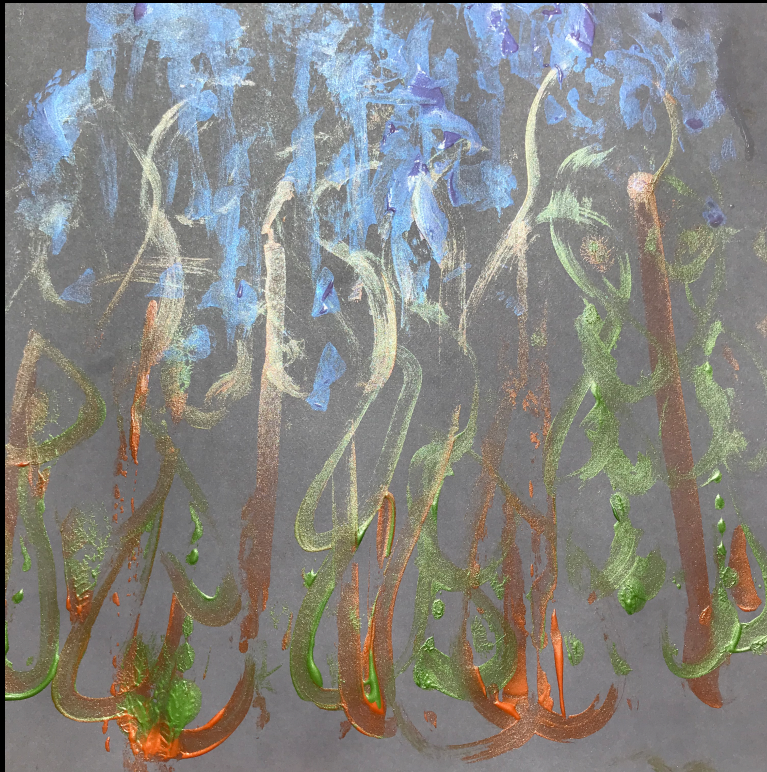
You, the earth in spring  
your face  
a poem to love  
and I am the sun

\*23\*

Beloved, the lotus waits  
on the brink of fading  
in the moonlight  
to be held  
by the princess  
if only on her way  
to the temple

\*24\*

Into the misty morning glow  
Yesterdays, I let go  
Today, belongs to a new chapter  
My heart to you forever



\*25\*

The old tree stump  
sprouts new life  
regardless of the season  
Whoever cut it down  
didn't know the power of creation



\*26\*

Lighter and lighter  
the horizon gets  
under purview of the stars

Venus and Jupiter  
how they glitter  
where oh where is Mars

Palm trees not minding the time  
watch over the grass  
A red patch on the bark of one  
shedding its mask

The day looms full of unknowns  
rest with night is gone  
Does the universe a guardian send  
with spirit marker I ask



\*27\*

*For you my darling, September blooms  
in amethyst clusters of brilliant tulle*



\*28\*

Cradled in a swathe of clouds



even the moon wants to bathe you in smiles tonight

\*29\*

Sunflowers drenched in autumn light  
Slow to rise, the earth still damp  
Beyond the window a sprite unknown  
Holding one as a lamp

Shall I open the door to wonder  
Is she one of Poppy's friends  
Let me say a prayer in greeting  
Call the holy spirit first

What if all she needed  
was a loving hand  
to lead her back to enchanted land

\*30\*

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