# This wilting world



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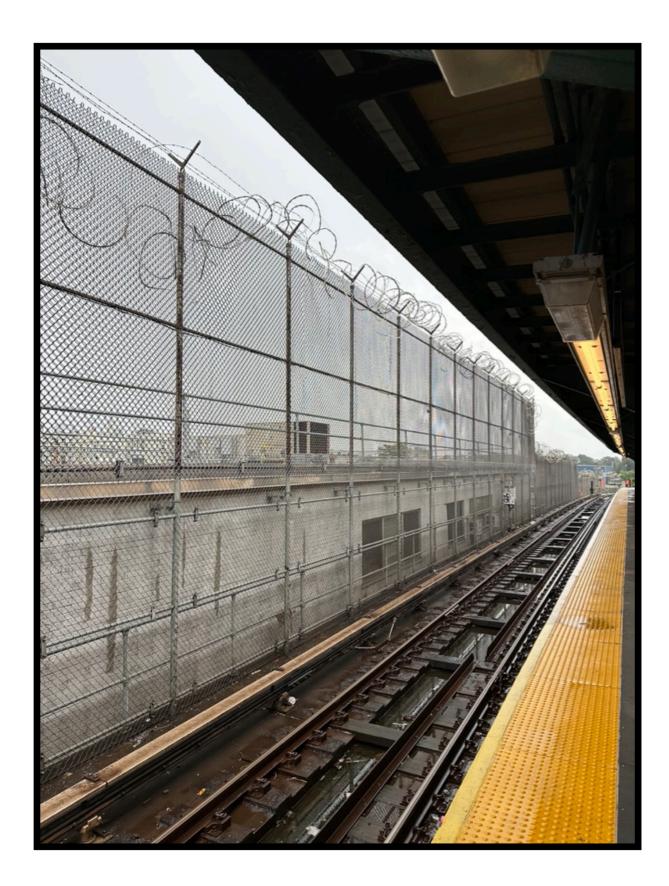
## The ocean in the window

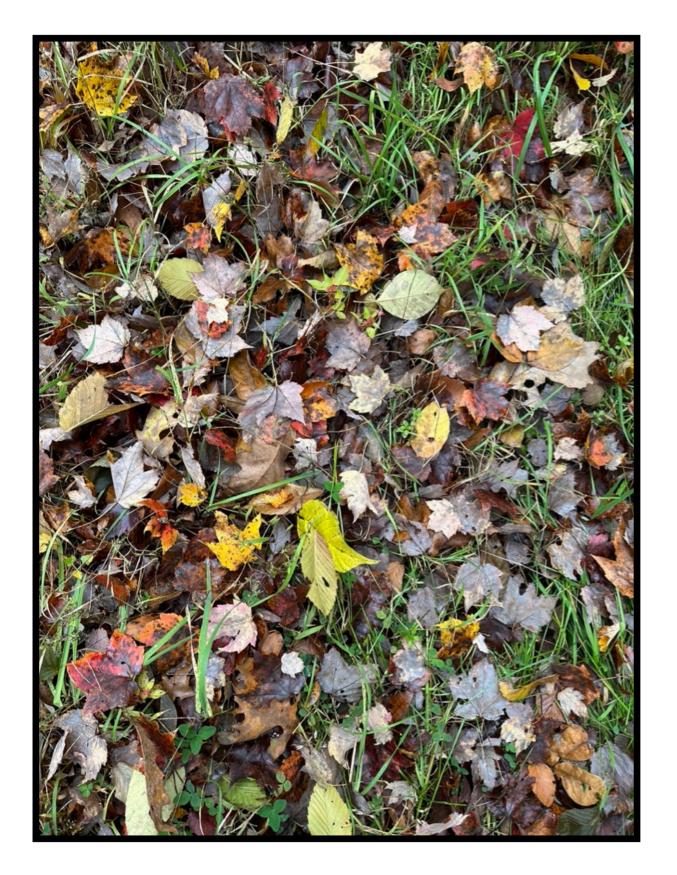
A black train rides through the night rain, a prisoner to the silver rails.

The ocean in the window is just a mirage, the tracks leading from land to land.

Put your hand in mine, feel my pulse in the beating of these steel wheels of time.

Soon the sea will rise above these old tracks, the sun will swallow this island of night.





#### This wilting world

Breathe deep of this wilting world, watch as death becomes ripe in the eyes of the living.

The corners pulse with change as our months disappear into seasons, as we forget our truths in the ocean waves.

To repeat ourselves is our curse and our joy, to grow wheat again where wheat has died, to cry where tears have fallen, to open doors heavy with memory.

Start again, kiss your shadow as the sun rises like grass.

#### Sit like a mountain

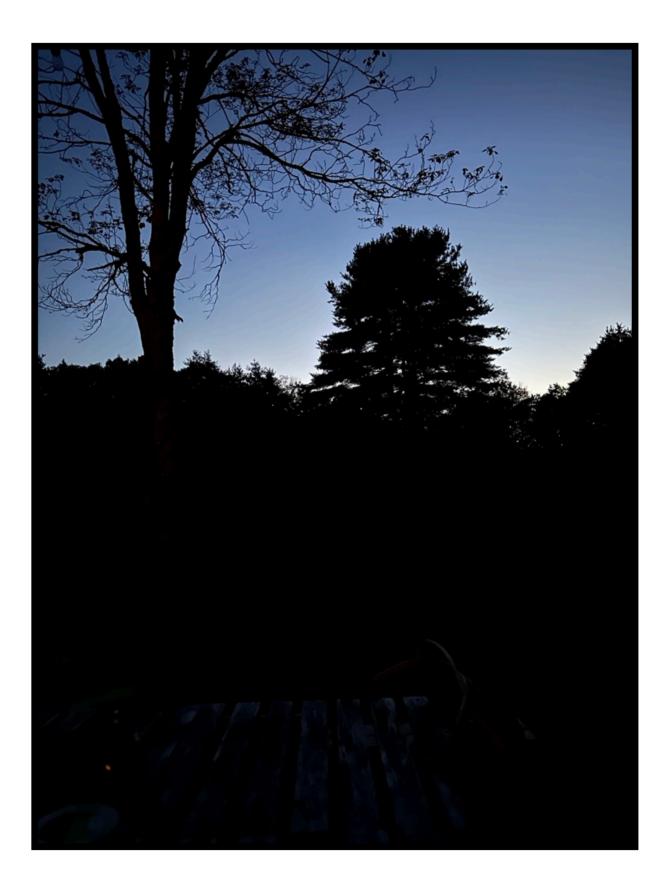
Wake at night to the howling wind, listen to the music under the ground.

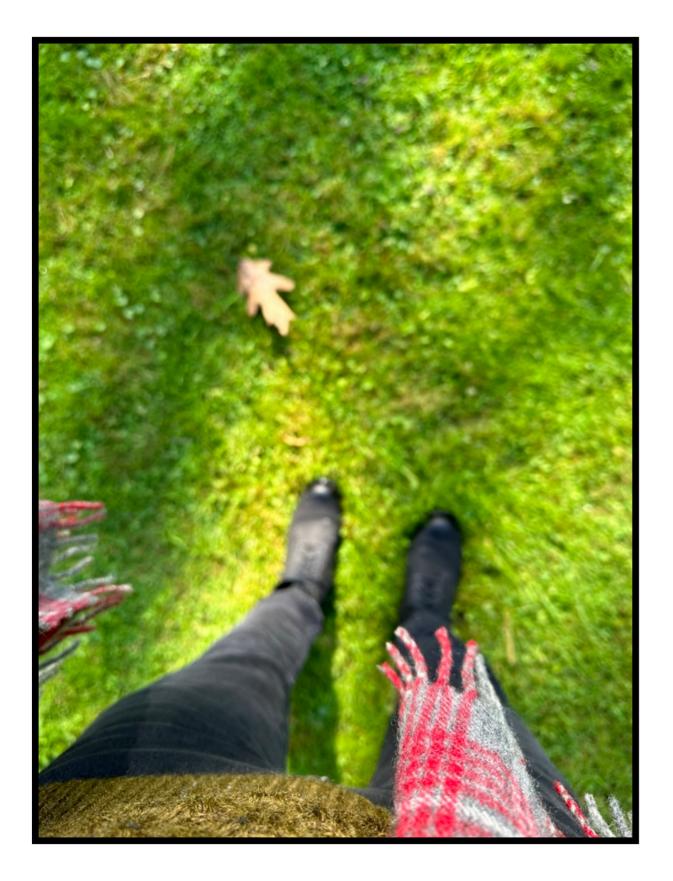
Watch the city sleep like the dead, as you alone drink the silence and the dark.

Soon the moon will go under the clouds, as day is born to those leaves dying in autumn sun.

Still, the night holds me with its whisper, it calls shadows that I cannot reach.

I sit like a mountain, only a candle's flame separating me from midnight.





### My season passing

A guest in this house of days, my season passing in an ocean of time.

Some guests leave early, their voices ringing like chimes in the winds of experience.

My mind is passing through this open window, the moon as full as my old heart.

What can words say in these waves as my hands wrinkle with age.

I sit in silence to listen closely as the minutes unravel like thread, as the hours flicker in this sea of night.

#### The music of the waves

The vine wanders across vast fields and up these old walls.

Its tendrils kiss both soil and stone, spreading as it advances with the seasons.

It grows along the current of life, ripe with fruit hidden in the twists of this ruin.

Soon it will reach the borders, this growth touching the shore as it drinks ocean water, moving into the music of the waves.

