WILD FIRE FLIES

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to those raised on dreams and ink

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This book discusses mental illness, emotional distress, societal trauma and sexuality in mostly abstract and always appreciative terms.

The poem 'Her Honey Leaves' in Chapter I addresses self harm in a more specific way.

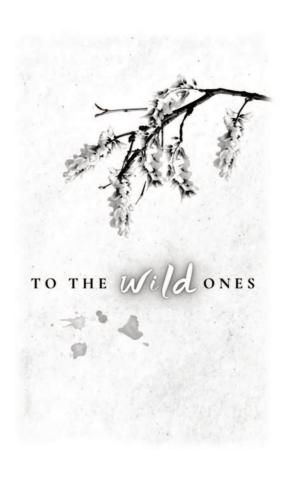
The poems 'Easier To Dream' and 'Still Life' in Chapter II deal with the emotional impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I hope my work makes you feel seen and understood rather than triggered, but if you notice that the contents are not supportive to your well-being, I encourage you to step away.

Please practice self-care while reading and beyond.

Overture

The feeling that we are both lying in our beds somewhere, surrounded by darkness, waiting for the words to arrive.



In Your Eyes

You know it.

I can see it in your eyes that you do come from a place where the wild kids like us don't have it easy,

oh, you,

you have loneliness in the corners of your eyes no one recognizes but those who've seen it in their own reflection.

Look at you:

You're one of us wild kids. So used to selling lies, you gave up buying affection.

Yes

Yes, we are broken.

That's how we share our *light* with the world.

Big Bang

All of this wouldn't exist

if not every now and then a few g a l a x i e s collided.

New Season

Pick yourself up like s c a t t e r e d autumn leaves.

You are just as beautiful, just as fragile, just as tired, but just as golden.

Brave Bones

When the dust s e t t I e s and the silence falls

You'll find what brought us here: this ancient bravery e n g r a v e d in our bones.

You Shall Go To The Ball

We are not cut out for a life on a straight line

then why do you keep choosing tightropes to dance on instead of b allrooms?