



Chhayankan (Visual Art)

Belonging

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Belonging for me is that space which creates for me the utmost comfort.

We may not always feel welcomed and accepted in most places, not even in the

presence of our own family and friends. I know this to be true because I've had the unfortunate chance to experience that lately, and I also know that many other people have experienced it too -

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an absence of belonging.

My heart, however, reminds me that I have a home inside of me where I belong and where I can be truly myself.

I try to discover other spaces to find belonging, and it is nature that seems to provide cover most easily. Sometimes, along the way, when I find people who truly understand me and accept me for who I am, it helps me to value love even more. There is a collective

realisation of learning from each other - to love and be loved. There is unity and similarity even in diversity. And with it comes the understanding that we as humans have all felt the same emotions: pain, joy, surprise, jealousy, love, fear, anger, trust.

So here I am, an invisible narrator writing to an invisible reader - knowing that no matter how far apart we are, you understand me, and that we belong to the same space - the universe.
