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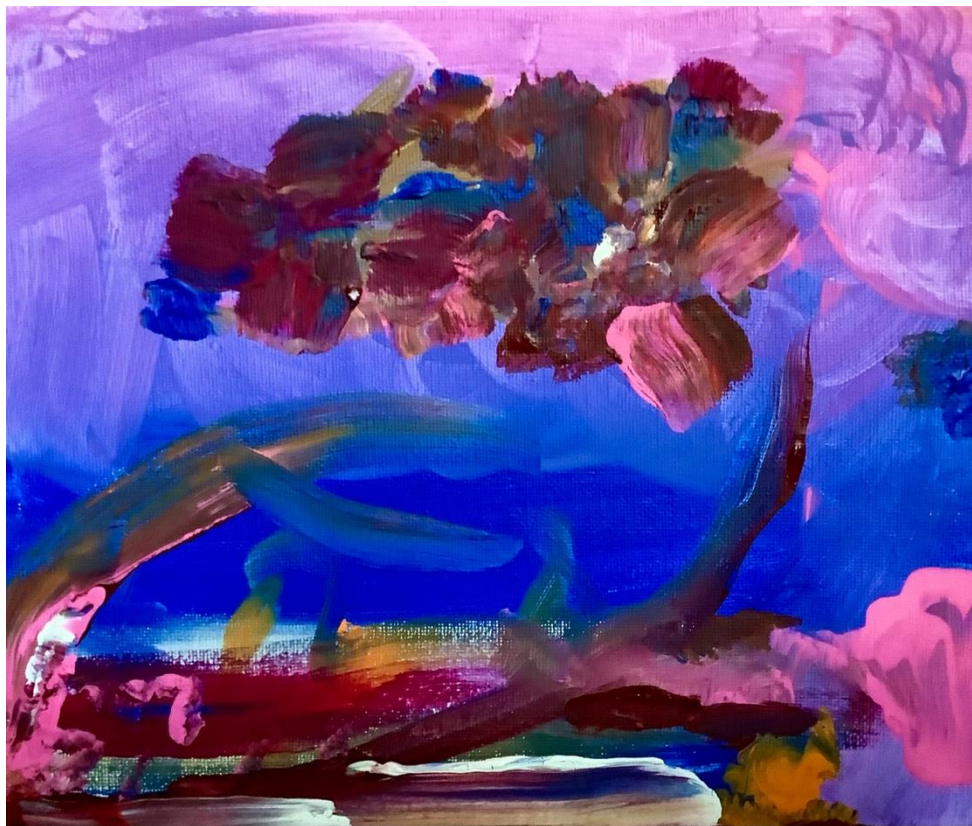
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By Paige Eplin



Many times,  
we feel afloat,  
carried along  
by the requirements of our lives.  
What is asked of us pulls at us,  
takes pieces of us with it,  
and essentially gives grain to our thoughts.  
Eventually, forces cut across this current or flow  
and read different paths into our lives.



I find it easy to be ready for anything  
when I have sat a while under the shade of a beautiful tree.  
I find that I read safety and tranquility in nature,  
even when it is also cacophony of chaos.  
Our pieces that at first seem individual and separate inevitably  
unite to form a whole.  
And just when I feel I am slipping  
under the weight of chaos,  
the symphony begins.