

**Illustrated Lyric Book**  
**Mijori Goodwin**

# kintsugi

*an illustrated diary*



*mijori goodwin*



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When precious pottery breaks into a thousand pieces, we throw them away without hesitation, but there is an alternative. A Japanese practice that highlights and enhances the breaks, adding value to the object. It's called kintsugi, literally meaning golden ("kin") and repair ("tsugi").

Stefano Carnazzi

To the girl who needed love  
and to those who gave it.

# star spangled banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's  
last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were  
so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare  
The bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our  
flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?



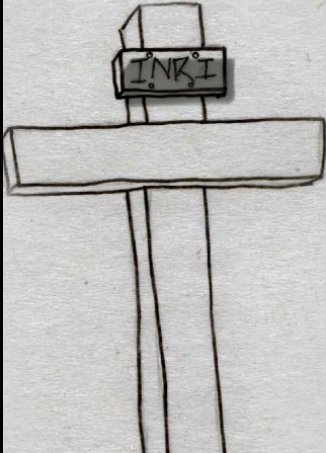
INCARNATION SCHOOL



Stepping Stone



Incarnation Catholic School



# silent night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin  
Mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds pray at the sight  
Glory streams from heaven afar  
Heavenly sing hallelujah  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born  
Silent night, holy night  
All is calm  
And all is bright  
Round yon virgin  
Mother and child



The Nativity

Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
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Silent night, holy night  
Sleep in heavenly peace

"You guys are the glue to this marriage."



"Keep eating like that and



You'll be as big as a house!"

"If I won the lottery



"I would disappear."





*"When Srobi turns 18, I'm out of here."*

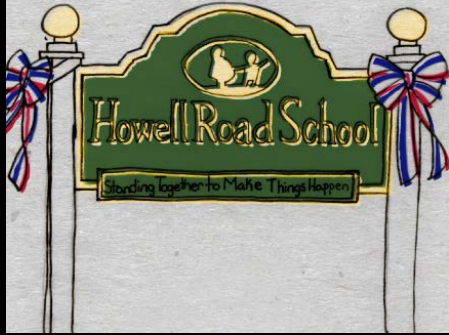


*"You just ate and you're eating again?"*



# howell road song

Howell Road we sing thy praise  
School of joyous childhood days  
We will keep in memory  
Days of joy and harmony  
Though we leave our halls of learning  
Still our thoughts will keep returning  
To the happy days at Howell Road  
To the days we spent at Howell Road



*"You're too shy to sing like that."*

*"The middle child is always forgotten."*

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*"It's not what you want to do, it's what you have to do."*

*"No."*

*"You can't."*

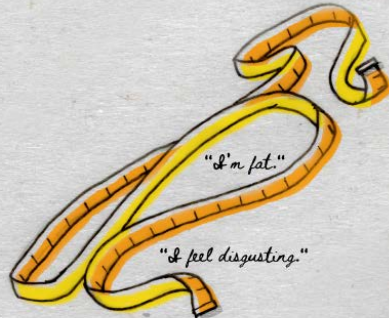
*"What's wrong with me?"*

*"Singing is a plan B. You need a plan A."*

*"Fix that head of yours."*

*"I wish I had straight hair."*

*"I'm not attractive."*



*"I'm fat."*

*"I feel disgusting."*

It's yours to take and mold  
But only you will know where to start  
You just have to believe you can make it  
You just can't give up  
LOUDER  
You can't give up  
You have to try  
this is your life you're living and that's no lie  
It's yours to take and mold  
But only you will know where to start

You just have to believe you can make it  
You just can't give up, you just can't give up  
You just can't give up, you just can't give up  
You just can't give up, you just can't give up  
You just can't give up, you just can't give up  
You just can't give up  
I can't give up  
I won't give up



*"That hairdo looks really good on you."*





*"You look like Frederick Douglass."*



*"That's what you put on today?"*

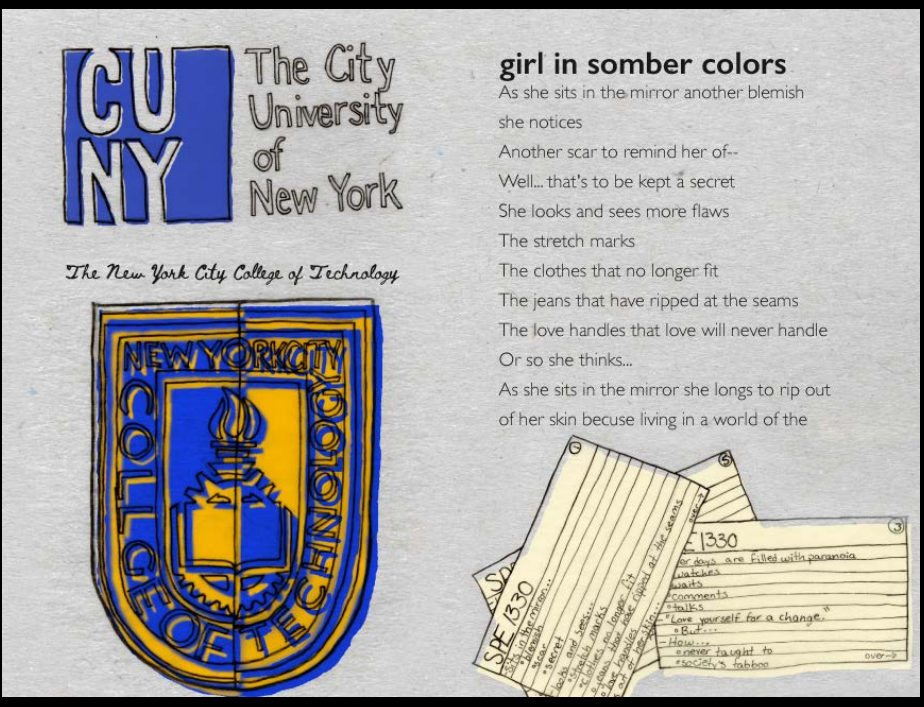
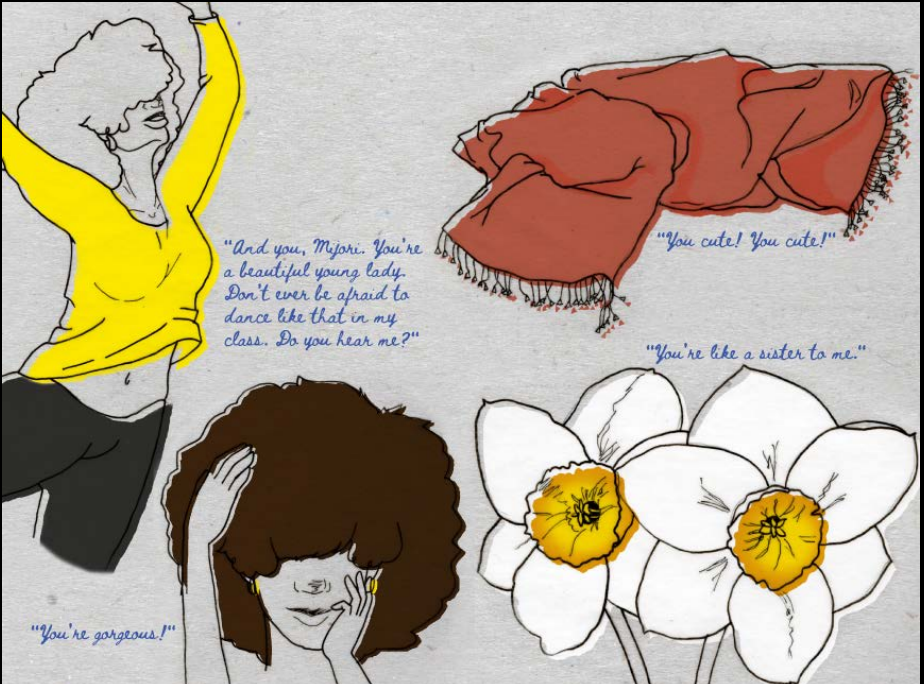
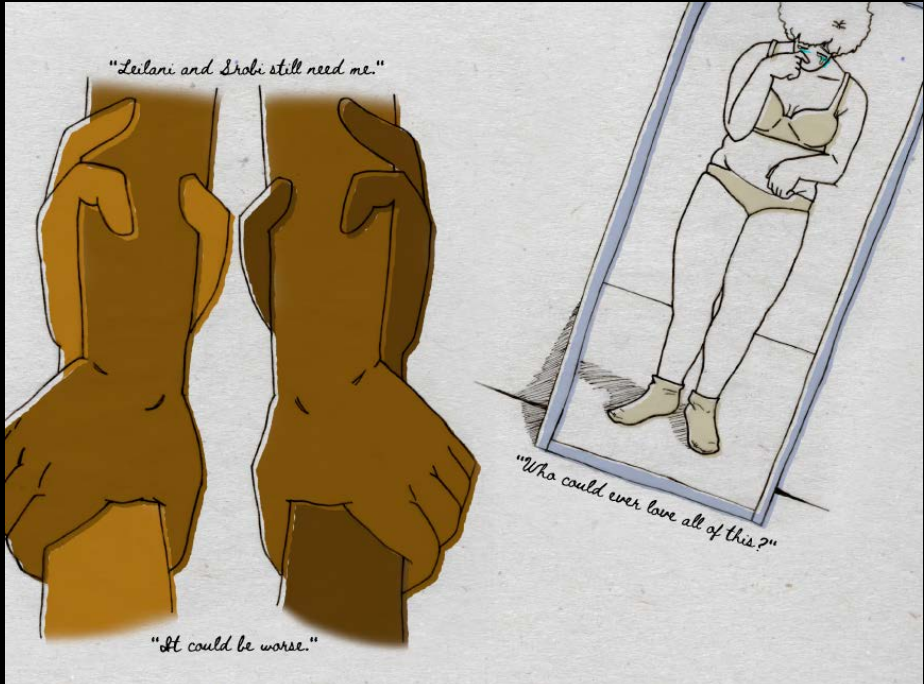
*"I don't like how I sound."*

*"I sound like a boy."*



*"Look at the holes in your pants.  
You look homeless."*



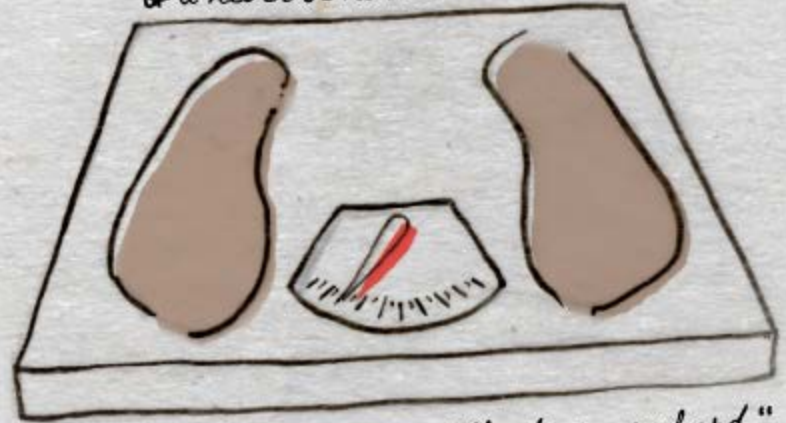




*"If we went on a date,  
I would take you to  
McDonald's and order  
off of the Dollar Menu."*



*"I'll never be normal."*



*"I'm trying so hard."*

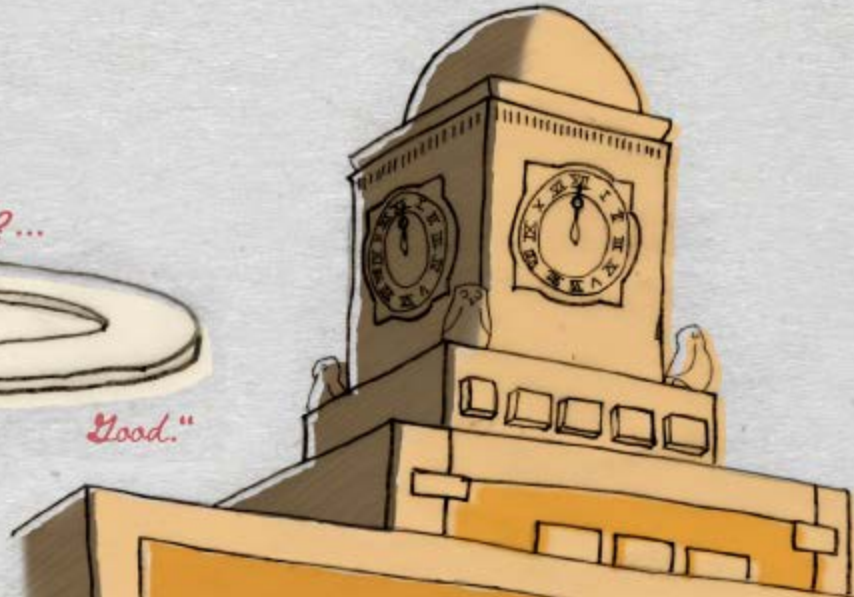
*Valley Stream Central High School*



*"You didn't eat anything?..."*



*Good."*





small, thin and skinny a  
 "BIG GIRL." does not belong.  
 All the ads, the commercials, the magazines of a  
 beautiful, careless, flawless young girl with the "look",  
 the hair, the clothes, the shoes  
 Sugar-coating every lie until you feel inadequate  
 Her days are filled with paranoia  
 "Everyone watches."  
 "Everyone waits."  
 "Everyone comments."  
 "Everyone talks."  
 Every now and then she hears, "Love yourself  
 for a change."  
 But... How can she love herself when she was never  
 taught to?  
 How can she love herself when loving ones self is  
 society's taboo?  
 How can she love herself when her OWN  
 MOTHER made her feel like she is and will never be  
 "good enough"?  
 Being compared to almost everyone else she loses

her individuality  
 Forced to aim higher than she already has  
 Forced to categorize her problems as  
 nothing but trifles  
 That she's not okay  
 That she's not beautiful  
 She's still so young and yet so tired  
 But knowing her, a spark of optimism  
 Ignites the flame  
 The fire within  
 She will not stand only to find herself  
 Sitting any longer  
 No. She will not turn a blind eye to the scars  
 that cover her past  
 She will hold them  
 Cherish them  
 See the mirror lies  
 Telling you what others want you to see  
 That you're not okay  
 That you're not beautiful  
 It's her time

So this girl in somber colors sits  
 Pretty on her castle  
 Knowing she is good enough  
 Okay, worth it  
 And beautiful.

*"I think you're really beautiful."*



## feelin' good

Birds flyin' high  
 You know how I feel  
 Sun in the sky  
 You know how I feel  
 Reeds driftin' on by  
 You know how I feel  
 It's a new dawn  
 It's a new day  
 It's a new life  
 For me  
 And I'm feelin' good  
 Fish in the sea  
 You know how I feel  
 Rivers runnin' free  
 You know how I feel  
 Blossoms in the tree  
 You know how I feel  
 It's a bold world in this old world  
 In this bold world for me



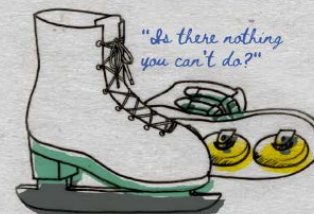
And I'm feelin' good  
 Stars when you shine  
 You know how I feel  
 Center of the prime  
 You know how I feel  
 Freedom is mine  
 That's how I feel  
 It's a new dawn  
 It's a new day  
 It's a new life for me  
 And I'm feelin' good.



New York City College of Technology  
 2nd Annual Spotlight Talent Show  
**1st Place**



*Music Club*



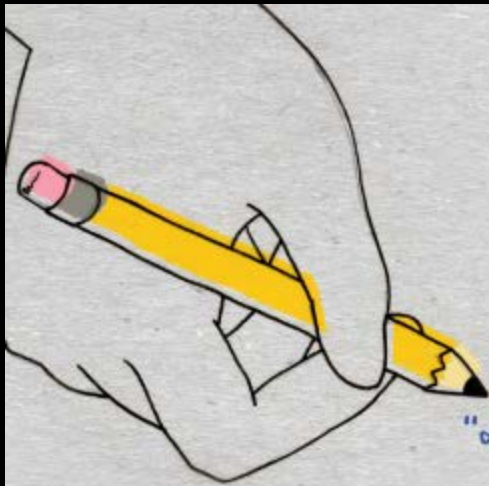
*"Is there nothing  
 you can't do?"*

## don't give up

I don't know where I'm going  
 But at least I have to try  
 Try to make something of myself  
 And do it with a smile  
 So many times I've been put down  
 With only hope to lift me up  
 But once I start thinking I find myself giving up  
 So now I stand here by myself  
 With my heart on my sleeve  
 Not knowing where to turn  
 But it's my life and I have to lead  
 So many doubts on my mind  
 But I can still feel my dream  
 So many people calling my name  
 So many people accepting me  
 Screaming you can't give up  
 You have to try  
 This is your life you're living  
 And that's no lie

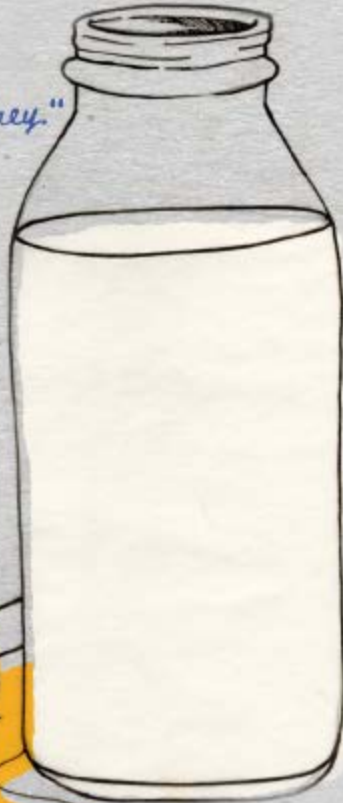






*"I love how you write."*

*"You sound like milk and honey."*



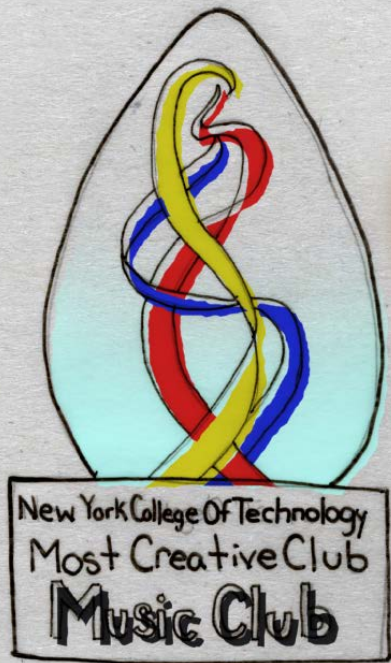
*"Damn. I love how you draw."*



*"But does it make money?"*







*"I'm happy when you're happy."*



*"I love the wrinkles on your nose when you smile."*

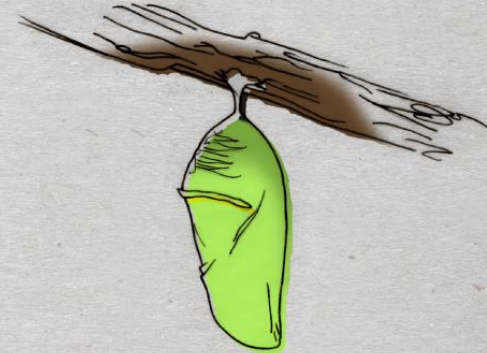


*"I love your smile."*

## changing

Guess I'm starting from the clear  
I can feel I'm changing  
Been heartbroken but I'm here  
I can feel the damage fading  
I've been scared  
I've been lost  
But I can stand tall  
Through the sweat and tears thinking that there's  
nowhere I could turn  
Took me long enough to see what I was worth  
I can still put up a fight  
I can make it through the battle  
I can see a better day  
It's my heart that I will follow  
I know I can't let what people say get me down  
I know who I am  
I'm not afraid to shout  
I am changing, I am changing  
I am changing I am changing

Need to put my past behind me  
Need to build on what I am right now  
Cause I know I'm on a journey  
And I don't plan on stopping for you now  
I know it's been quite some time I believed in  
myself  
Here I am again  
I stand before you  
I am changing I am changing  
I am changing I am changing



## while my guitar gently weeps

I look at you all  
See the love that's there sleeping  
While my guitar gently weeps  
I look at the floor  
And I see it needs sweeping  
While my guitar gently weeps  
I don't know how nobody told you  
How to unfold your love  
Your love your love your love  
I don't know why someone  
controlled you  
They bought and sold you  
I look at the world  
And notice it's turning  
While my guitar gently weeps  
With every mistake  
We must surely  
Mm mm surely be learnin'  
Still my guitar gently weeps



I don't know why nobody told you  
How to unfold your love  
Your love your love your love  
Somebody somebody somebody  
I don't know why you were inverted  
No one no one no one alerted you, No  
My my my guitar it gently  
Gently weeps yeah  
Gently gently gently  
I don't know why nobody told you  
How to unfold your love  
Your love your love your love  
Somebody somebody somebody  
I don't know why you were inverted  
No one no one  
No one alerted you



*"Do I think my daughter can give me  
chills with her voice?... No."*

*"You the fam, Majori."*



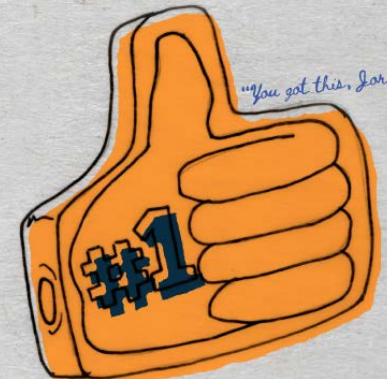
*"You're my reason to live, Jar."*



*"3x? Uh oh. You know what that means."*



*"You got this, Jar."*





"You're one of my best friends."

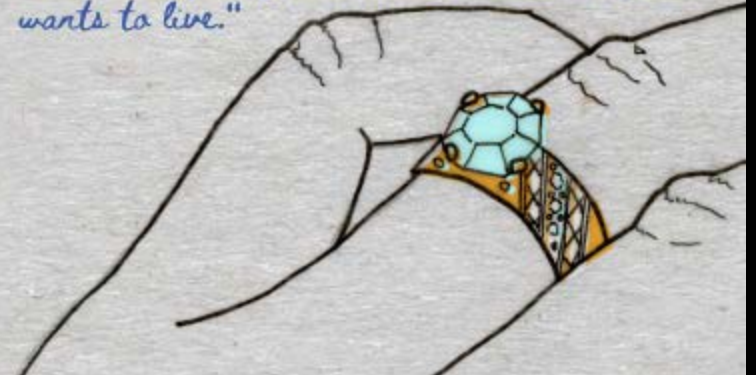


"I love my fluffy."



"You ight, fam."

"Live the life Mijori Narla Goodwin Rivera wants to live."



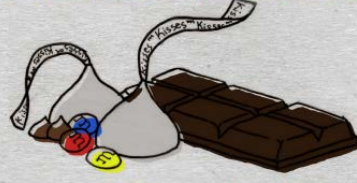


"You're supposed to be whatever you want to be. College nor anyone can decide that for you. You'll find that in time this bump in the road just happened. Live it time and take a few steps back and assess what's happening and deal with it."



"Damn, you're a goddess."

"The fucking best piece of chocolate in the world."



"Mjphi, never change."



"Yeah. Don't go anywhere."

## elder blossoms

Contrary to popular belief I am not who anyone thinks I'm meant to be  
 It's clear to see  
 But all the runnin' round round in circles tryna find the missing puzzle piece  
 I just don't know what to make of it  
 It's gets hard to know what life feels like  
 Without the moments that have sculpted who I am  
 Can't lie  
 Uh huh uh huh uh huh  
 Mama always said to sit up staright  
 And clean my plates  
 And wear my hair out of my face  
 Straighten my clothes  
 Smiles on my face  
 "You guys don't know how good y'all got it."  
 "Make good choices"  
 All alone raisin' her kids

From her room of sorrows  
 Not knowin' if he was gonna be  
 By her side tomorrow, by her side tomorrow  
 Apartments for the soul, commit to what you know  
 Apartments for the soul, commit to what you know  
 Apartments for the soul, commit to what you know  
 On the fifth run it back to good times  
 Where the misfits go  
 We used to wait til the world was quiet  
 Sneak out at 2 am  
 Go on little trips where our minds inquired  
 Seek the tucked away groves of the world  
 That nobody knows  
 With the tiny roads left uncharted  
 UHP! Here they come! Here they come!

Run back home quick fast to the beat of the drum  
 Make sure you don't get lost along the way  
 Make sure to stay close dream big and shoot far  
 Where you could not stay  
 Oh! And one more thing might I recall  
 You better not forget where you came from  
 Most of all  
 Cause everyone else is waiting for ya  
 Get ready to walk out  
 Lookin' as fly as you hopped you would  
 Apartments for the soul, commit to what you know  
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 Apartments for the soul, commit to what you know  
 On the fifth run it back to good times  
 Where the misfits go

"You paid me already with food,



friendship, and a good college experience."



"You don't make my life a living hell."

"You're never a burden. NEVER EVER!"

"The first time I met you, I thought you were a model."





## kintsugi

Dear molder  
As you knead and fold me into a mound  
Turning me into what you wish  
Take away the most fragile parts of me  
And give me gold  
Give me glory  
Give me what I need  
Crack me under your pressure  
So that the history of my wounds can glow  
Luminescent with time  
Give me the love and care  
That I needed when I was first  
Forged from your hands  
Let me be damaged  
Let me be beautiful