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## Gender Dress Labels T-Shirt

The moon represents the movement of time as it represents the cycle. Crescent moons speak out to me the most. Recently, I learned crescent moons represent life and death, as well as womanhood and what comes with it such as birth cycles and fertility. In the thought process of

coming up with a label that represents me, I thought of one of the parts of me I hold dearest; it's the moon and all lunar things. I associate the moon with my memories in 2018, which could mainly be due to Ariana Grande's *Sweetener* album as well as her *Moonlight* song. Nonetheless, 2018 was a year of enlightenment, sadness or loneliness, and growth. I endured a pregnancy, which ended in an abortion. In such a short time, I learned that Liver patients have to plan pregnancy with their doctors. I also learned that Liver patients tend to have premature births or stillborns. I also grew closer to my parents, particularly my mom. I grew an appreciation for women, myself, and my body. I am so much stronger than I give myself credit for, I sometimes tend to self deprecate, cry, and isolate myself. I'm trying to remind myself that it's okay to have some bad days and to not be so hard on myself as well as not to blame myself for other people's actions.

My T-Shirt represents fertility, knowledge, strength, joy, and many other feelings. I wanted to create a black and white theme going towards color. The white represents womanhood or fertility, the black represents loneliness, the dark blue represents the night sky, the light blue represents a new day, and the colors represent fruitfulness. Pink is my favorite color and it represents my memories, mainly happy ones. I included the words *Goodnight n Go* because that's a song on the Sweetener album.

My experiences don't define me and throw me into one category. I fall under a multitude of labels and I define myself.