

# EXPRESSIONS

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## Nature, A Paradise

The warm sunshine, a cool breeze,  
The soft grass, the shade of trees.  
The bliss of nature, little did I know,  
Is a paradise, where I long to go.

The rustling of leaves, the burbling of streams,  
The sweet chirping of birds in the early sunshine.  
The sounds of nature, a lovely little noise,  
Is what I long to hear in solitude.

But cutting of trees, hunting of animals,  
All destroy the paradise.  
Remember, nature is our cradle,  
The cradle where we were born.

Nature gave us everything,  
Food, shelter, protection.  
Do not destroy it; leave some for the future,  
Let the next generation enjoy this paradise.

Litsa M. Joseph

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## What if....?

What if the world was turned upside down? Then the north would be the south and vice 'versa. Not just that there would be a huge change in climate. But I still do wonder what it would be like?

What if plants were purple and not green? Then green plants would be unusual and purple would be the normal. And chlorophyll would probably give a purple pigment instead of green.

What if we had four hands and not two? That'd be interesting. It would be useful for multitasking. Just think about it, okay...just...give it a chance!

What if the world had many mystical wonders? It would be like living in a cartoon. Except they wouldn't know that cause it would be the new normal.

Philosophical questions are great to ask. In fact, I ask them all the time. Sometimes I go in too deep and start questioning the meaning of life. There's nothing wrong with wondering and questioning. Maybe an idea or realization might strike. Maybe one day you'll see the world in wonder, like I do.

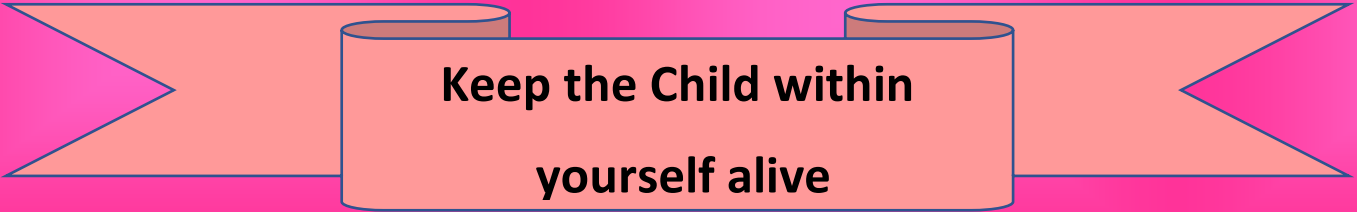
-Stuthi.k (7-D)



## **Trees**

We should thank the trees,  
It brings a little breeze,  
It's like such a relief.  
It brings us oxygen  
Which we need to breathe  
And takes in Carbon Dioxide  
Which we release.  
It cleans the atmosphere,  
I wish it could stretch to the exosphere,  
So astronauts can admire its beauty while in space,  
And I could admire its beauty as it fades  
Into the clouds without a trace.  
So let's make it happen,  
Everybody's hand in,  
Let's plant trees,  
More and more trees,  
Until the world becomes greener than the greenest leaves.

**Michele Elza Prajeesh**  
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## **Keep the Child within yourself alive**

Safa had been doing experiments daily and daily tirelessly until one day she finally made her dream come true. She finally formed a cartoon world where all the cartoons Doraemon, Nobita, Shinnchan and everyone lived together and not on different channels. Even though Safa is a teenager she is always a child at heart. When she entered the cartoon world, she couldn't believe that she had created such a magnificent place. But all her cartoon friends seemed upset. She asked them what the matter was and why everyone was sad instead of being happy after all she had created this world only for them. They all replied that no one loved cartoons anymore that is why no new cartoons were coming and only few of them had remained. Everyone was so busy with their phones, studies, jobs, PS4 etc that no one wanted to watch cartoons anymore. Safa understood their problem and promised to help them only if they smiled and became cheerful. All the cartoons smiled and then Safa formed me 'Saya' and the cartoon world got its charm back. Don't be shocked by seeing how I was formed I was formed by the imagination of Safa who has still kept the child within herself alive. Stop seeing at the screens, stop playing Fortnite, subway surfers and endless games on daily basis which results in nothing but specs, tiredness and no sleep instead enter my world of cartoons with all my cartoon friends and enjoy every second of your life, share happiness and go on adventures daily. Lastly Don't forget to watch my show, Saya's World daily from 7 to 8 pm.



## **Trees**

I have a cute and pretty sister,  
The most wonderful, the best.  
Oh, God! Thank you infinitely,  
Oh Really! I am blessed.

She makes me laugh like a stream,  
She is the best entertainer of all.  
Sometimes, she acts like a mommy,  
Of a baby, that's her doll.

She is better than what I imagined,  
She is more than a sister to me.  
I am over the moon,  
To have her as a sister finally.

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## CAR KEYS AND A BOOK

A while back, lived a father and son. They were very close and never had a conflict with each other.

As the son grew, he began to distance himself, this in turn hurt the father, but he still loved his child nevertheless.

As the son graduated from college, he asked his father for a car. But the father was shocked, money was tight due to taxes back then. On the day of his birthday, his father gave him a book.

The young man's mind was filled with nothing but frustration as he yelled at his father who, in turn, asked his son to just open his book. Filled with rage he did not listen to this and stormed out of the house.

The boy began to distance himself and ignore his father. The man passed away due to old age and neglect. The son was devastated. Since his father wanted him to open the book, he did. His eyes flooded with tears and his heart ached with guilt as he saw the **car keys** among the printed papers.

*This shows us that distancing ourselves from people who love us only bring us more pain*

Written by- Sudar Siddharthan, VIII-E




## Like Space

I wish I could go to space,  
It is such an interesting place,  
It holds many secrets and contains places  
Where human beings can be stretched into spaghetti shapes,  
That is why astronauts wear protective clothing  
In space.  
Welcome to a mysterious  
And an endlessly fascinating place.  
Our place in space is Earth,  
Most of us are here from our birth,  
Except astronauts who explore the world beyond our Earth.  
I think they are so lucky  
Because they get to experience Zero gravity.  
But with great power comes great responsibility.  
So don't turn back or be nervous,  
Because everyone has the ability to do what they want.  
Be like astronauts  
And chase your dreams even if it is outside the universe.

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## **Not to be Judged by Appearance**

Zoya had been experimenting, experimenting and experimenting until one day finally she made the world's yummiest chocolate! Not like the ordinary chocolates like KitKat, Ferero or the Milkybar. Indeed, it was the best! She was so proud and glad to make her dream of making the best chocolate come true for chocolate lovers like her! She exclaimed with joy, Wohoo! Wohoo! And rushed to her mom. Her mom had loved it so much but instead of appreciating and praising her child she was busy licking her fingers! On Zoya's way back to the room, suddenly a thought came into her mind regarding the appearance of the chocolate. She thought and thought for too long and soon related the appearance with the society, she thought that why was the society always behind the appearance? Why was anyone or anything judged by its appearance and not by its qualities? In fact, why were modifications done to the appearance? She realized that this was absolutely wrong and decided to keep it simple and sweet and not to overthink about it. So she kept the name of the chocolate 'The Choco Bar' because that's the first thing that came into her mind when she thought about the chocolate's name. The wrapper's colour was fixed as black and brown. She was all set to go. Next day she went to her friends with lots of excitement, La la la! And said "Presenting the Choco Bar". They started laughing and said, "Is that what you call the best chocolate? ha ha! Look at the wrapper so dull and decent, not at all fancy." Zoya smiled and

replied, "Please don't judge my chocolate with its appearance, judge it with its flavour because at the end of the day, what's going to happen? You'll take the wrapper and throw it into the bin but what would remain in your mind and on your tongue is the essence of the chocolate." Paying no attention the girls ate the chocolate, after eating it they were speechless and said nothing but sorry. So, you see the Choco Bar is me! Yes, I was made fun of my appearance but Zoya handled the situation smartly. We learnt so much, isn't it? Firstly the attitude of the girls towards my appearance shows the attitude of the society towards a person's physical appearance. Secondly, we learnt that my appearance was in comparison with the unattractive people according to the society, always remember everyone is naturally beautiful. Lastly, the flavour that is best within me is also best within you in terms of honesty, kindness and trustworthiness. So, never judge a book by its cover and also remember that the wrapper is to cover the chocolate not to judge it. Oh wait! Don't forget to eat 'The Choco Bar' you'll certainly love it.

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## Mind or Heart?

Debates between these go on to be...  
Often the final question, it stands to be,  
Must I listen to the mind? Or should the heart it be?

Times in life forcing us to choose,  
The conflict between these has all of us confused.  
What good will be the choice between the mind and the heart,  
If the path of the two are so far apart?

The mind with responsibility,  
A rationale, a conscience.  
And the heart with the affection,  
The compassion, the emotions.

Left frozen in indecisiveness,  
The battle between them still goes on.  
The mind showing the things to live by,  
The heart showing the things to live for...

Both want the best for us,  
Of that there is no doubt.

The heart's passion runs long and deep,  
The mind ensuring, it is not the bad that we reap.

Encumbered by the conflict within,  
The question however still goes on.

Of that we must find the answer,  
Which often, only the clever and smart hit upon.

Prapti Muthukumaran 8E



## **REALISM IN FIVE GREAT FICTIONAL WORKS**

I have chosen a very interesting topic for my article – Fictional books that you never realized were based on reality. I've discussed 5 of the most popular books in today's world that were thought to be fictitious at first, only to later discover that they were based on real experiences, that were portrayed fictionally. I'm pretty sure most of us have read all of these books and know about the inspiration and history behind them but it's surprising that most of these books that seemed like pure fiction at first glance turned out to be grounded in real events (like 'Alice in Wonderland'!). It's always good to know a bit about the book and its author before reading it. I hope this article will help you in that.

### **OLIVER TWIST – BY CHARLES DICKENS**

If you've read the novel 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens, you are probably aware that the book was based on something that was real, although it is portrayed fictionally. Oliver was an orphan born in a work-house in busy London and, as the story proceeds, he grows into a 10-year-old boy who is treated cruelly at the hands of gruesome men. This book was based on the condition of many orphans on the streets of an over-flowing and crowded London, with nobody to attend to their needs and matters concerning them. They were usually sent to a workhouse where they either died of starvation or ill-treatment. Charles Dickens, and many others like him who wanted to do something about London's countless orphans undertook various schemes to bring awareness to the public about their troubles. Charles Dickens wrote books to do so. George Mueller of Germany established great and

big orphanages for orphans who would have been otherwise sent to a very unwelcoming work-house. Or, even worse, the boys might have been sold as 'chimney-sweepers' who became victims to skin cancer, starvation or suffocation. Thus, *Oliver Twist* was one of the first measures taken to save orphans.

### **ALICE IN WONDER-LAND – BY LEWIS CARROLL**

We think of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonder-land' as a fictional story that practically seems a bit uninteresting but it was never written with the intent of amusing children. It was rather written with the concept of dream-formation and advanced psychology. What Carroll was trying to portray in 'Alice in Wonder-land', was Alice's dream actually being sequence based on the latest science discoveries of lunacy, psychology and dreaming. Never as a fairy-tale for children!

One of the most endearing themes of *Alice in Wonder-land* is madness and lunacy. In the 19th century, dreaming was actually considered as a form of madness, which is why madness is such a chief topic in Alice's dream. The tea-party is, no doubt, the perfect portrayal of madness. The Mad-Hatter and the March-Hare were used as idioms in the 19th century – Mad as a Hatter and Mad as a March-Hare. Carroll was not only interested in psychology, but he was also very amused by psychiatry because of his uncle, a lunacy commissioner. There were many reforms held by great people in the 19th century (like Charles Dickens) to stop the grim imaginations of people on lunacy like people screaming and behaving outrageously. Although some were like that, 80% percent of them were not and it was important for the public to know that they were harmless and could do well with some help and compassion. Some schemes taken to achieve this were a dance ball (Charles Dickens penned an article titled 'A Curious Dance Around A Curious Tree' where he describes his experience of attending this peculiar dance-ball in a lunatic asylum

which the public can watch and even attend). Besides dance-balls, they also hosted tea-parties. Things are piecing together, aren't they? Lewis Carroll uses his literary talent to describe a tea-party which he actually experienced in a fictitious way, portraying that madness was not always harmful to others or exceedingly dangerous to them either.

### **ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN – BY MARK TWAIN**

This book too, is purely fictitious, although it has some traces of truth in it. For example, Jim, the African slave, is treated inhumanely because of color-discrimination which was prevalent in those times. The author of the book portrays Jim as a brave and loyal servant who does good even if no one notices his deeds. Although his skin tone was 'black', his heart was 'white' and Mark Twain made that easily noticeable to encourage his readers to never follow color-discrimination.

### **ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES – BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE**

Sherlock Holmes is a fictional character created by the British writer, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Again, detective Sherlock Holmes is fictitious, but his character is based on a real person's existence. Conan Doyle modeled Holmes's methods on those of Dr. Benjamin Bell, a forensic surgeon for whom Conan Doyle worked as a clerk at the Edinburgh Royal infirmary. Sherlock

Holmes' problem-solving ability and powers of observation are based on the abilities this surgeon possessed in reality. His literary talents made Sherlock sound so real that one of the world's most famous addresses: 221b Baker Street, London – is visited by tens of thousands of people who hoped that they might have a chance to visit the place where a very famous Sherlock Holmes once resided! I'm sure they were very disappointed to find out he was just a fictitious character.

## SOME OF ENID BLYTON'S MOST POPULAR CHARACTERS

In the immensely famous book series of 'Famous Five' by Enid Blyton – there belongs a sulky, hot-tempered character – George, short for Georgina. She hates being a girl, acts like a boy and loves to do the things boys do. Throughout the book, she is portrayed as a perfect tomboy who is affectionate and absolutely honest. This character was actually inspired by a girl whom Enid Blyton met herself:

"The real George was short-haired, freckled, sturdy, and snub-nosed. She was bold and daring, hot-tempered and loyal. She was sulky, as George is, too, but she isn't now. We grow out of those failings — or we should! Do you like George? I do." That was Enid Blyton's inspiration

Besides this, Enid Blyton has based many more characters that we all know and love on real people!

For example: Bill Smugs ('in the 'Adventure Series'), Fatty ('in the Find-Outers Mystery'), Kiki the parrot ('in the 'Adventure Series') – Kiki was a real parrot which belonged to Enid Blyton's aunt and Loony the dog (in the Barney Mysteries) – Loony was Enid Blyton's spaniel pet who was said to be 'extraordinarily silly'.

The physical appearances of these characters described in the books are exactly the same compared to the real people that inspired them.

So, there it is. I was aware that books like Oliver Twist and most of Charles Dicken's all time famous novels were based on reality much before I read them because I've read many short biographies of this great novelist and was quite impressed at his endeavors to change horrid practices through his writing. Others like 'Alice in Wonderland' which I thought were just plain fiction, turned out to be based on rather mind-blowing reality. I haven't read Alice in Wonderland but have watched



a Disney movie based on the same. It seemed like just a lot of bosh. I was amazed to find that the book was almost entirely based on real events. Quite startling, isn't it?

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## **JUPITER in guilt !**

Jupiter! Jupiter!

The largest celestial body in the sky

The fifth placed planet who boasts and teases

The other planets

Not knowing the universe always has a plan

"Look at my red spot.

How shiny!"

"Mercury,

You're very tiny."

As I had said earlier the universe had a plan

To teach Jupiter that they all belong to a clan..

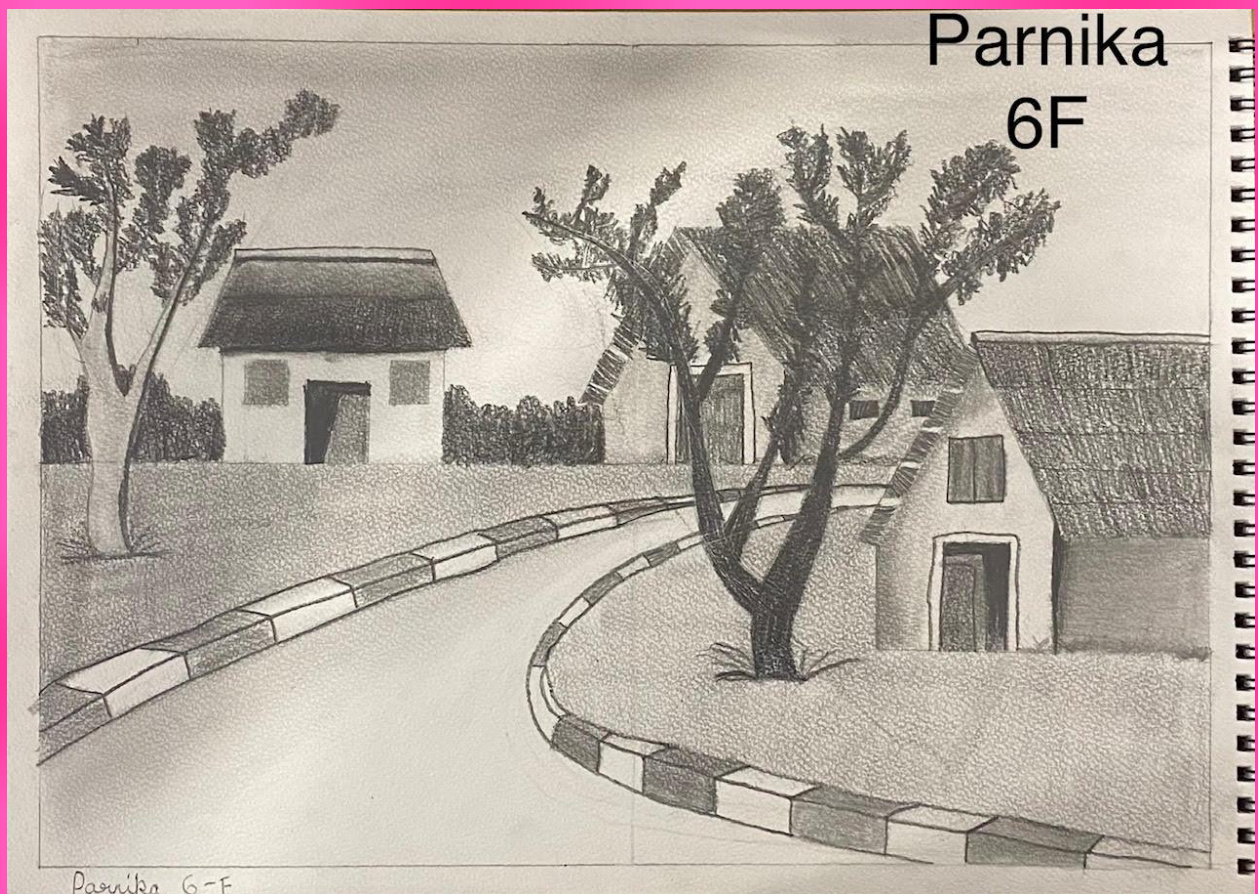
There comes a meteor diverted from the Earth

Gasped the Jupiter wondering in awe  
Mars told "I will face it. Don't worry brother."  
Jupiter was saddened that he didn't bother  
To see the love of his family member  
And decided not to blabber  
Thereafter he learnt to be a humble brother..

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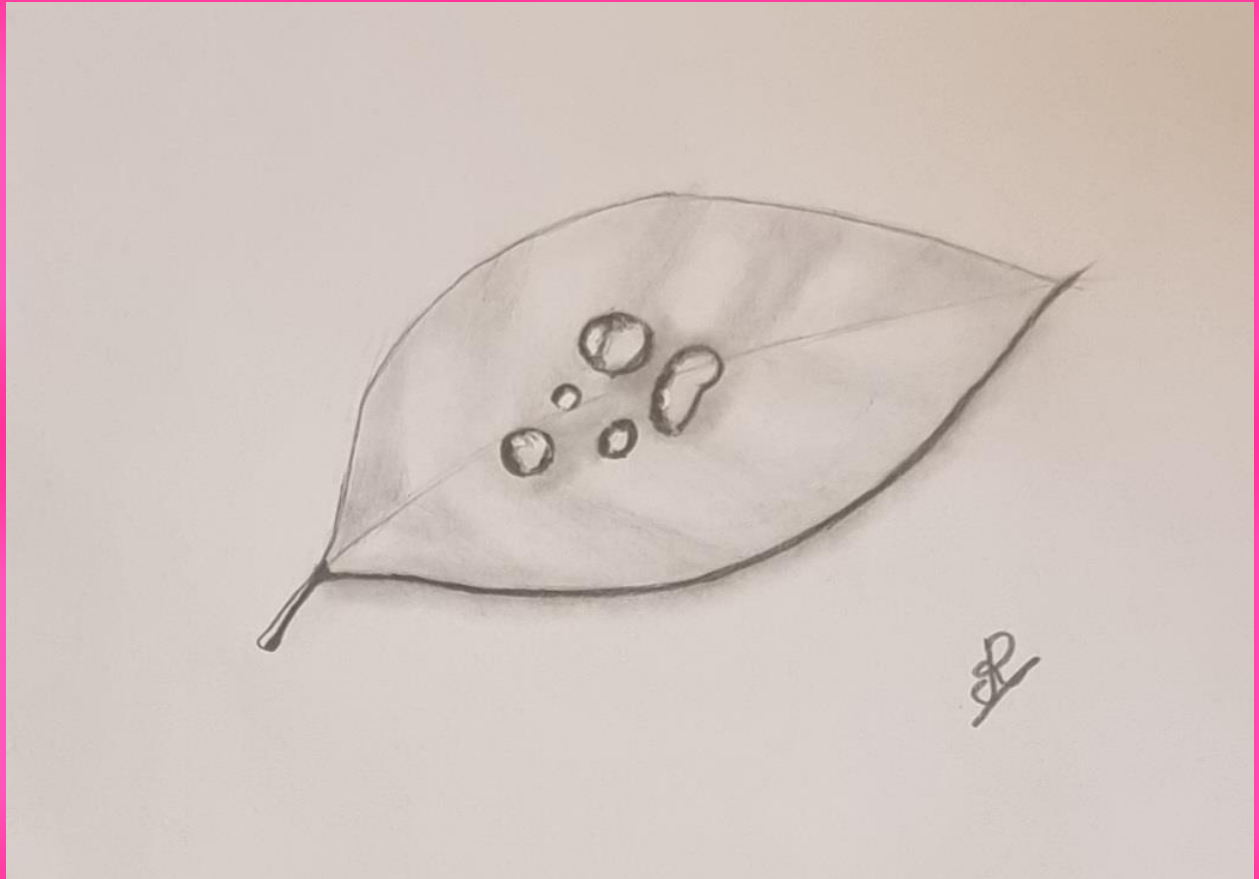


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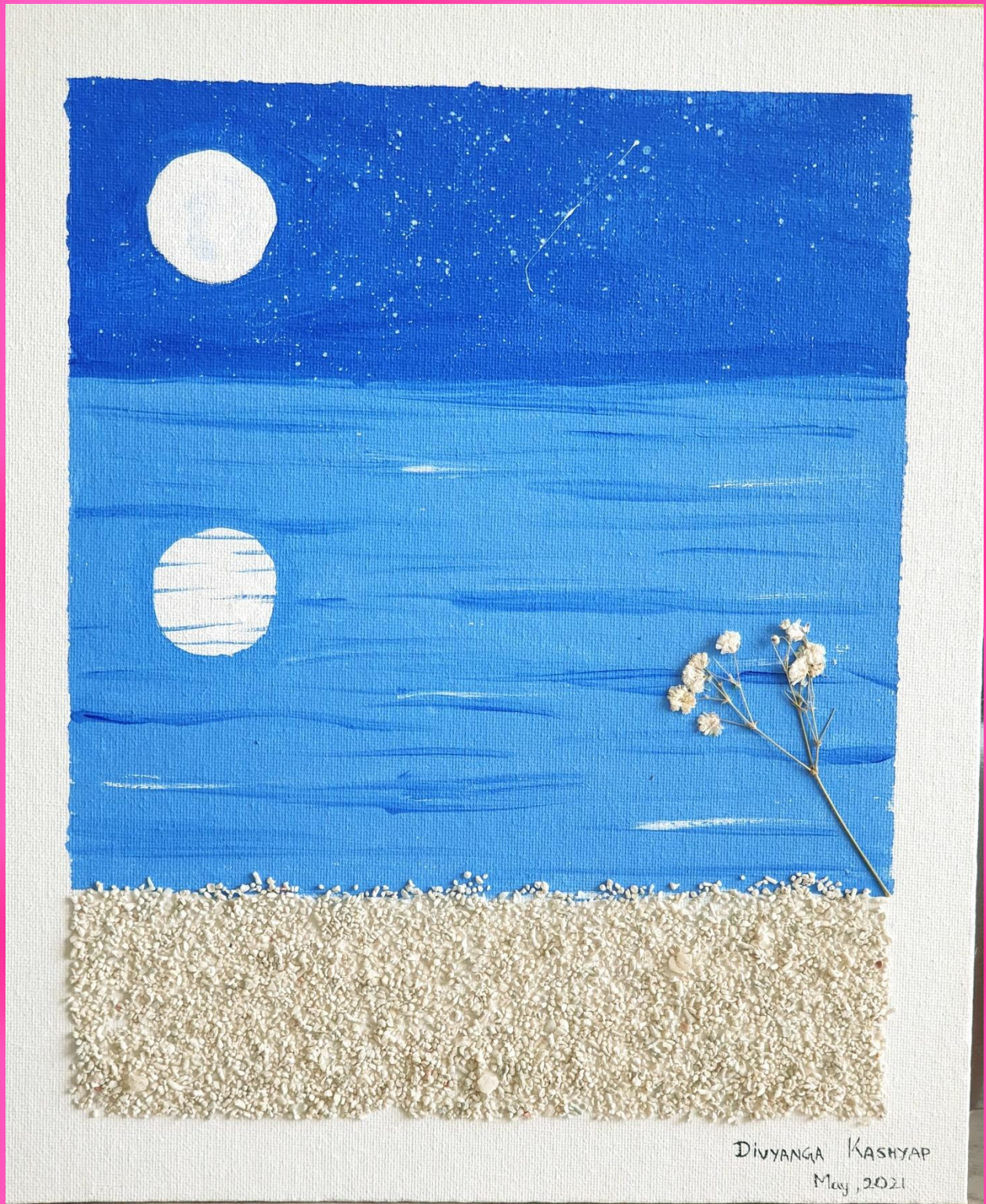
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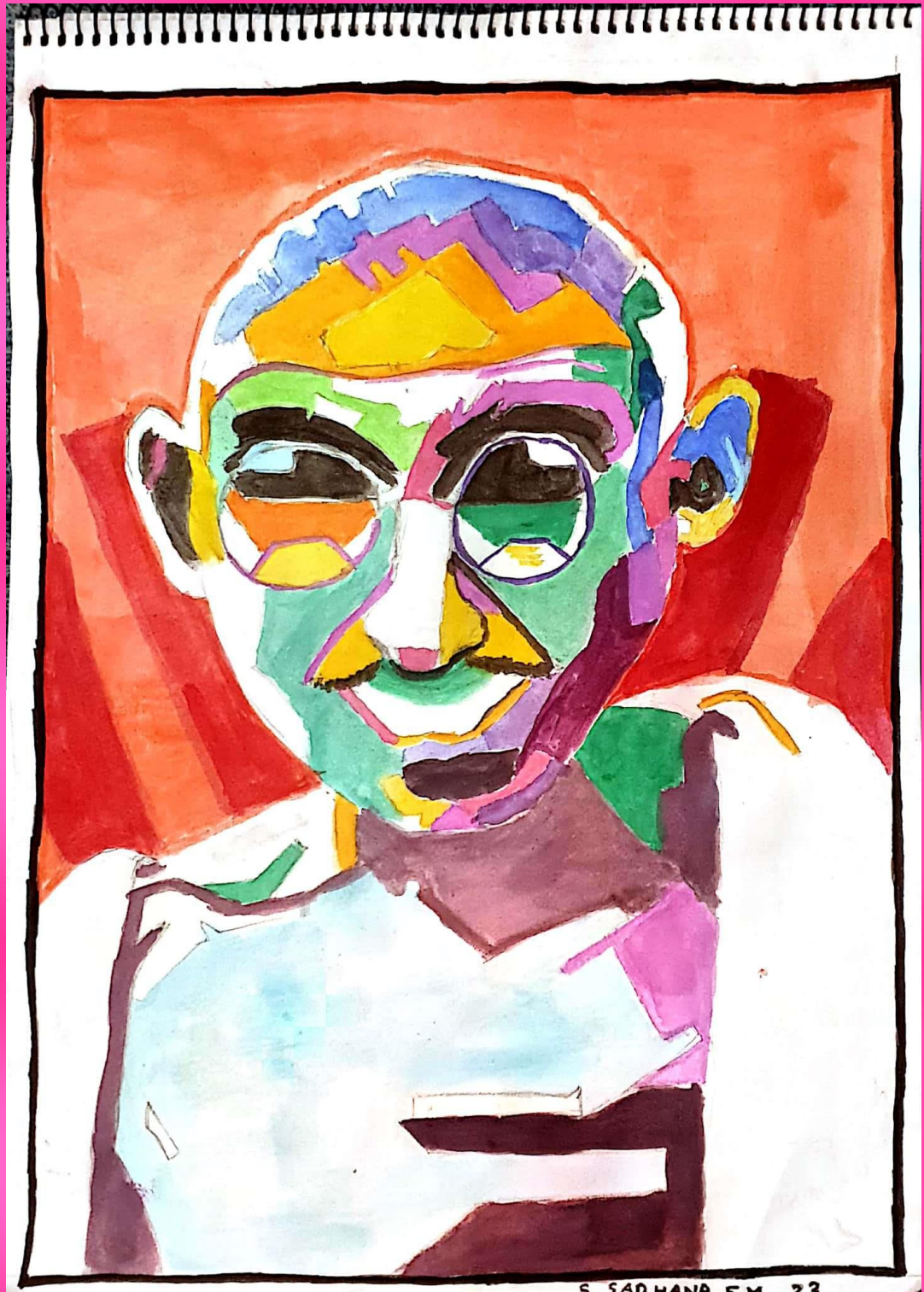
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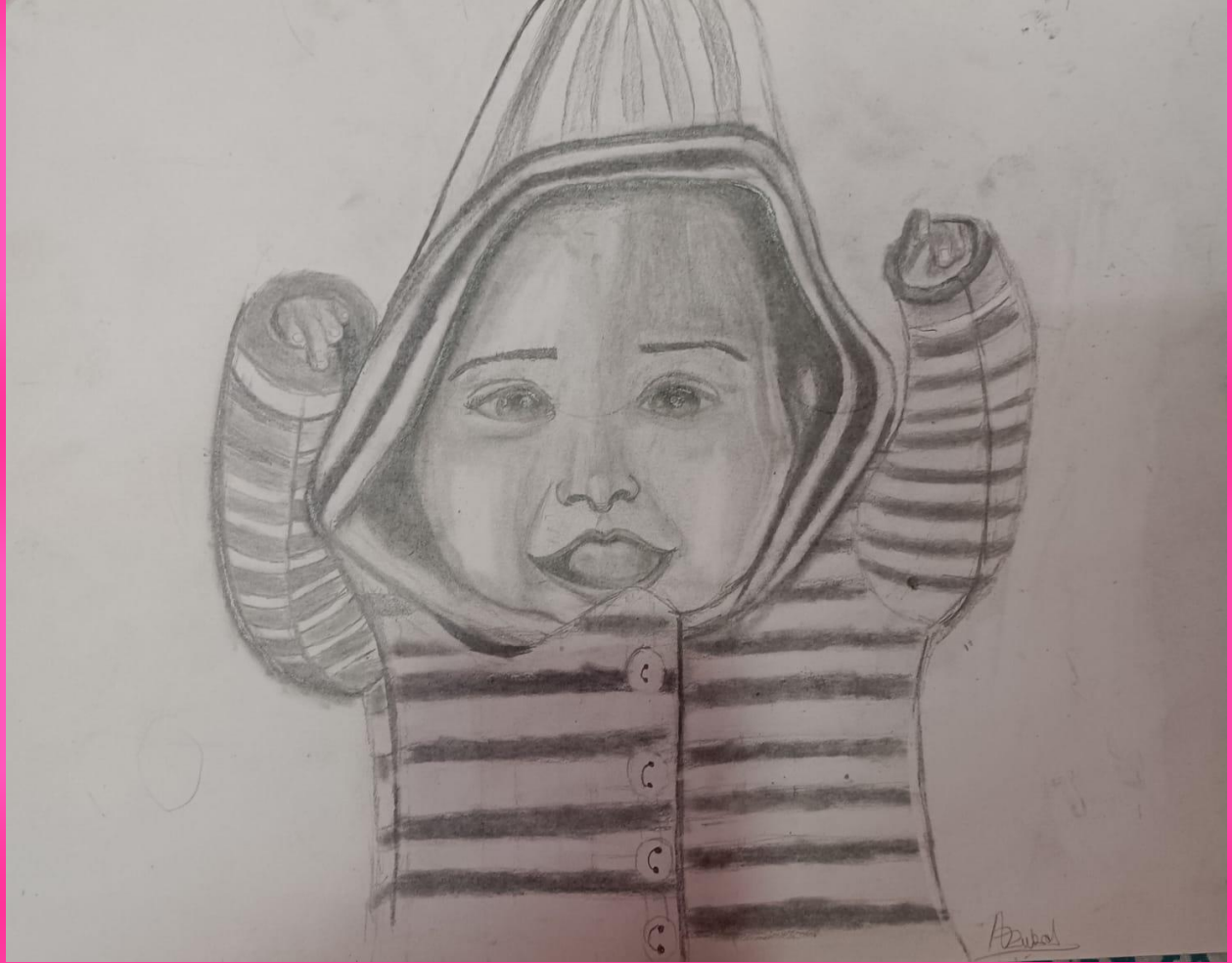


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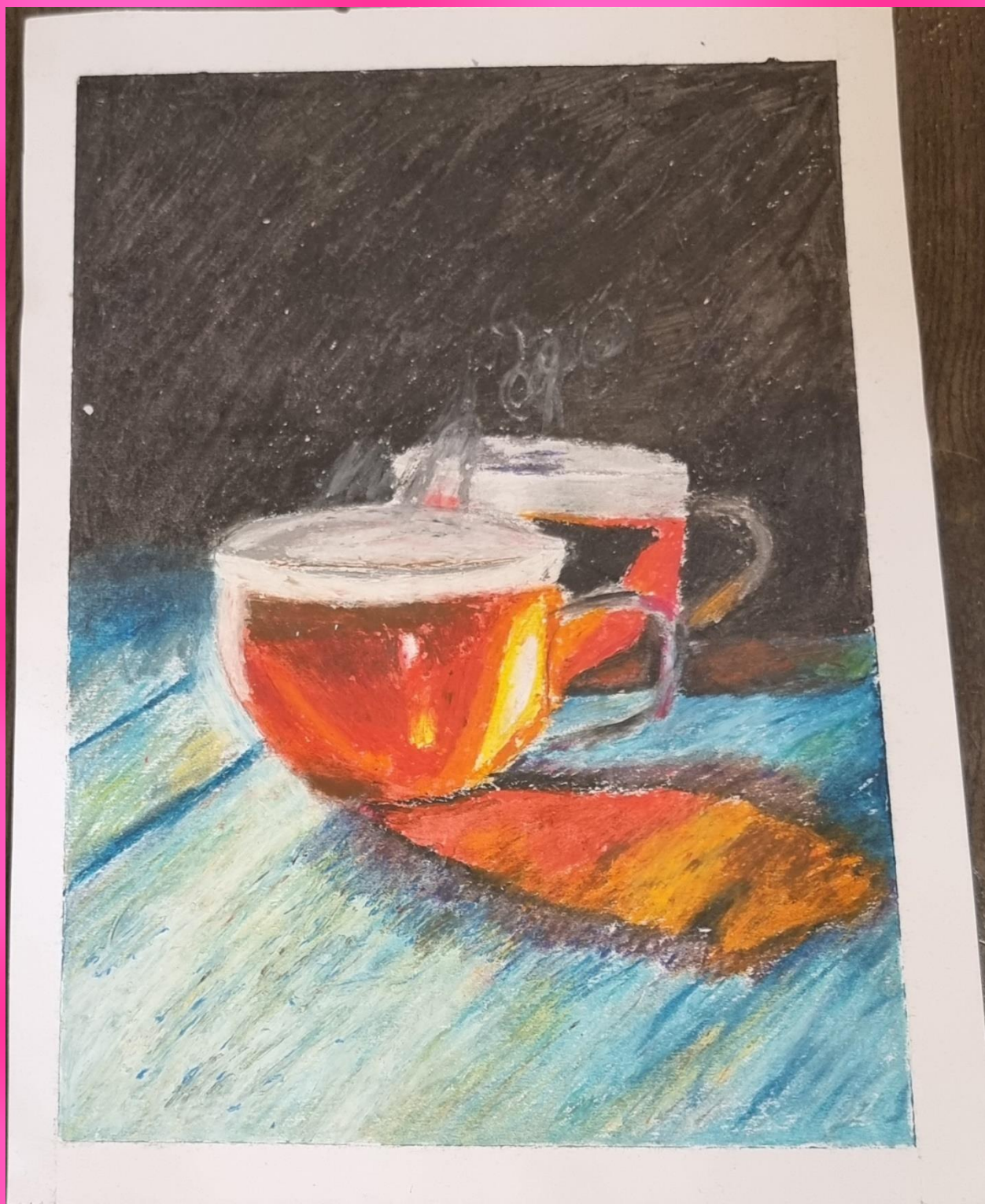
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