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RANCID WATERS

ASIA RENEE

Tapping.

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Tapping into a vein I rarely prime for harvest.

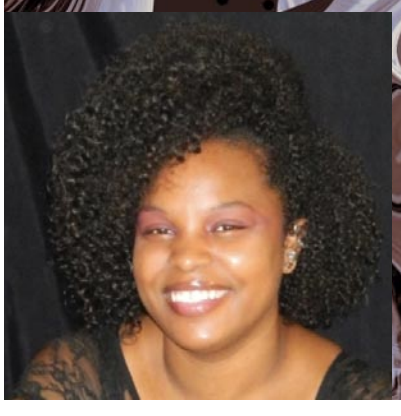
Rivers of fear gently deep from my pierced skin.

Sending my hesitance, swarms loom around; sharks come to claim my body as breakfast.

Clapping, I seek to muster enough belief in self to retreat them. Heart fluttering, pumping ‘I think I can’ and ‘you can do this’ weakly as my threads pulse.

Flickering to grey, the sharks inhale the last of my positive vibes and take their time nibbling.

An eternity passes as I express my last wish, that I would have believed more, while I was alive.



Poetry was one of Asia’s first outlets. When she performs, she engages with people and their similar yet differently lived experiences. Asia’s poetry encourages individuals to connect with their most authentic selves and remember they are not alone.