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Crying Eyes, Happy Dog

In the past year I have grown as an artist. I have learned how to create art with a variety of mediums. Last year I submitted an art piece done in acrylic, while this year I'm submitting art done in watercolor. After familiarizing myself with different mediums I have fell in love with watercolors and pastel. For me painting in watercolor is like a spiritual practice, it puts me in a deep, meditative state. It relaxes me and allows me to be more spontaneous. For me, painting in watercolor is a liberating experience, it has helped me break free from the tendency of getting caught up in perfection. I have been learning to paint in a loose, atmospheric style. What I like about painting in watercolor is that I'm able to enjoy the process as well as the finish product. In a place where most incarcerated people have lost their voices, I have discovered that art serve as the bridge which carry our voices out into society. Art allows a part of our being to be viewed and experienced by humanity.