

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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ALL MY ART WORK THIS YEAR COMES FROM WHEN I RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR CANCER. ON INFUSION DAY, WHEN I WOULD RETURN TO MY CELL, DIFFERENT BIRDS WOULD COME AND LOOK INTO MY WINDOW, SO I COMBINED THEM INTO ONE BIRD, NAMING IT, I'M DIFFERENT AND COLORFUL. THE ART WORK "LOOKING AFTER YOU" WAS INSPIRED BY A CHILD THAT TOLD ME HE WOULD SEND SOMEBODY TO KEEP ME SAFE. THAT NIGHT I HAD THIS VISION WHILE I RESTED. "SHE'S MELTING DOWN BECAUSE I'M IN THE PEN" COMES FROM THE BLURRED VISION I HAD DURING CHEMO-TREATMENTS WHICH CAUSED WOMEN'S MAKEUP TO APPEAR AS IF IT HAD RAN. I'VE BEEN TOLD THE TITLE SOUNDS LIKE A COUNTRY MUSIC SONG AND MULTIPLE PEOPLE HAVE SAID IT LOOKS LIKE TAYLOR SWIFT. I DID LISTEN TO SOME OF HER MUSIC WHILE DRAWING IT MAYBE THAT'S WHY BECAUSE IT'S FROM MY MIND'S EYE. IF TAYLOR SWIFT WAS TO SEE THIS ART WORK AND BE INSPIRED TO WRITE A SONG ABOUT IT I WOULD FEEL A FULL FILLED LIFE KNOWING I INSPIRED SOMEONE ELSE TO GREATNESS.

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