

**Artist Statement — 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons**

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THIS PAINTING IS ABOUT THE LIVES LOST BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTS  
AROUND THE WORLD. CHILDREN THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WARS.

THEY ARE NOT A RACE BUT JUST CHILDREN. AND THEY ALL GO TO THE PEARLY  
GATES WHERE THEY ARE MET BY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY'S THAT HAVE PASSED

OVER.

(COMING HOME)

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THIS PAINTING IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CONFLICTS OF  
WAR. INNOCENT CHILDREN LOSING THEIR LIVES. HERE THEY ARE GIVEN  
WINGS AND PUT ON CLOUDS AND TAKEN TO THE PEARLY GATES WHERE  
THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AWAIT THEM.