

Symbols Manifest

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Tattoo skin to remember my frail shell
Hang heavy hoops to feel the tug
Punch holes in my ears, nose, lips, brow
Past trials passed and failed
Wear faded green cargos, barely cling to hips
The first pants I was kissed in
Knotted bracelet clasps my wrist
Tie tight, hold tight, hug tight
Inward made outward
Material pieces pierce, ink, cloth, and clasp
I want to remember life
Remind myself of myself
Smudged, scratched rings, tarnished, Celtic tree
I want to feel my hazel iris
Confronted with my weight
Recognize my face
Brush scars upon my skin
Stories I may otherwise forget
Memory laid bare
Symbols

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